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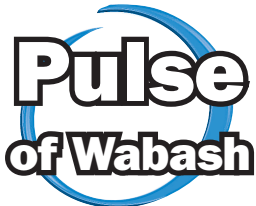
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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Downtown businesses to extend hours Saturday

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

## Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St.

## Living Crèche scheduled for Dec. 22

A Living Crèche has been planned from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. There will be three live shows outside each hour with animals, music and costumes. This can be viewed from a vehicle or the sidewalk. The event is free to attend.

## Charley Creek Gardens to host 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll

Charley Creek Gardens will host its 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll, open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 23 at 551 N. Miami St. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St.

## BMV announces holiday hours

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26. Also, branches will be closed

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# Wabash Co. rated one of Ind.'s financially healthiest

Debt, bankruptcies, poverty, unemployment used to calculate figures

BY ROB BURGESS

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Wabash County was identified Tuesday as one of the top 10 most financially healthy counties in the state of Indiana for 2019 by SmartAsset, a financial technology company based in New York, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, Grow Wabash County.

SmartAsset listed Wabash County as the 10th most financially healthy

county in Indiana, with a Financial Health Index score of 79.03, based on criteria that included: debt as a percentage of income, bankruptcies, as well as the county's poverty and unemployment rates.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Boulrisse stated that according to SmartAsset, Wabash County rated eighth in the state in 2018, and 19th in

2017.

In 2019, the data reported in the survey shows that, by SmartAsset's calculations, Wabash County has a rate of 0.84 percent for debt as a percentage of income, 2.26 bankruptcies occurring per 1,000 people, a poverty rate of 13.30 – which was equal with the calculated average for the state – and an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent.

Bankruptcies were

weighed heaviest in the financial health index, per SmartAsset's methodology, accounting for 40 percent of the score. Debt as a percentage of income, which was determined by dividing the county's debt per capita by its income per capita, was also taken heavily into consideration by SmartAsset, accounting for 25 percent of the county's final index score.



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**RECORDS:** John Patrick Joy stated he holds five world records and competed for the United States All Round Weight Lifting Association (USAWA) and the International All Round Weightlifting Association (IAWA).

# He's 78 and still lifting

Wabash County YMCA member John Patrick Joy promotes fitness

## STAFF REPORT

It is not very often that a person meets a 78-year-old man with a passion for weightlifting. But, spend a few moments with John Patrick Joy and one begins to realize that it is not a simple desire for fitness.

John Patrick Joy, originally of Los Angeles, and Penny Marlene Joy, 80, originally of Marion, have been members of the Wabash County YMCA since 2010, according to Kendall Hoover, communications and grants manager.

The couple were married in 1998. Before meeting one another, John taught history, social studies, and special education to middle school and high school students. Penny Marlene Joy

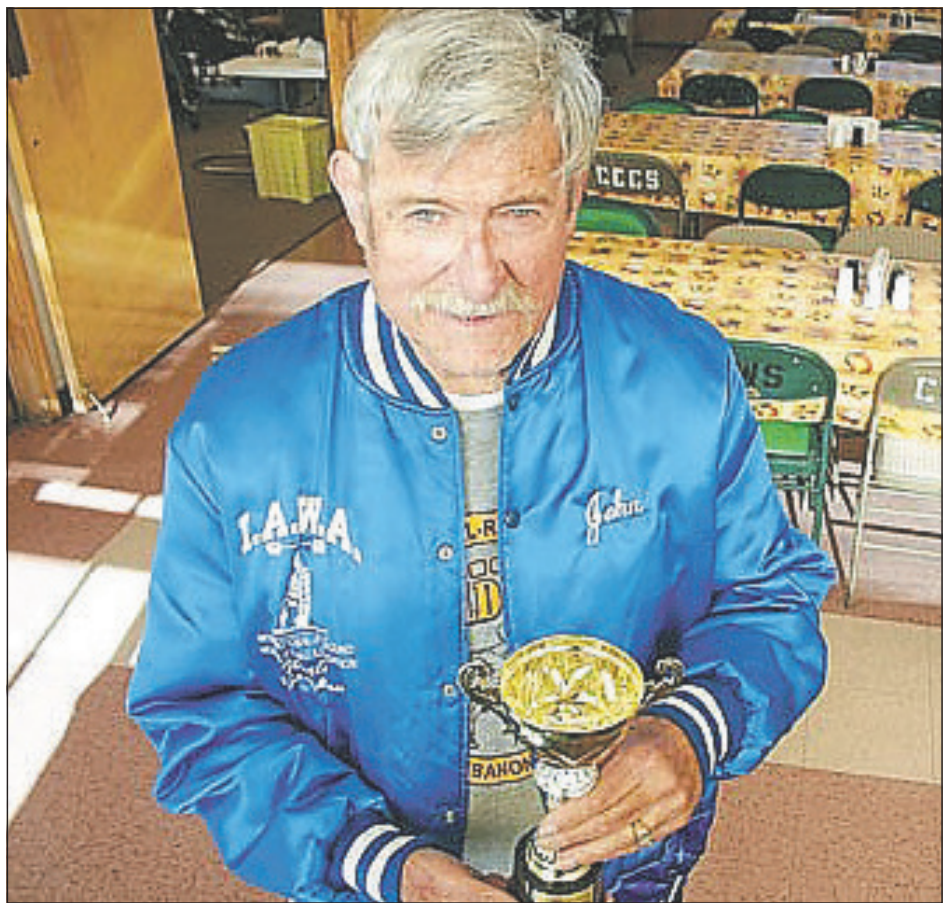


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**BEST LIFT:** Joy stated his best ever lift was 50 abdominal raises with 100 pounds held behind his neck.

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# IDNR urges Hoosiers to practice ice safety

Every year, people drown after falling through the ice

## STAFF REPORT

With the recent snowfall and dropping temperatures, Indiana conservation officers advise being mindful of the potential hazards of frozen lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, according to a press release from the Indiana Department of Natural

Resources (IDNR).

"It's also important to keep a watchful eye on neighborhood retention ponds, lakes and other waterways for others who may venture out and find themselves in trouble," stated the release. "Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice. Just like driving differently on snow versus clear roads, some may need to re-learn how to

safely have fun on ice. Put safety first. The best rule of thumb is, when thinking about getting on the ice, believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise."

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walking on a frozen lake or pond:

■ No ice is safe ice.

■ Test the thickness of the ice with an ice auger. At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for ice fishing; 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiling.

■ If you don't know the

thickness of the ice, don't go on it.

■ Wear life jackets or flotation coats.

■ Carry ice hooks and rope gear.

■ Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a friend or family member.

■ Don't test the thickness of the ice while alone.

■ Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on the ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your head above the water until help arrives.

The coating of snow that Indiana just received can make for treacherous ice conditions. The snow can insulate the ice, causing it to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is never as strong as solid, clear ice.

If you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice, do not go after it. Doing so can often end in tragedy. Instead, contact your local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to

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# Wabash Kiwanis Club to celebrate 100 years

Gala celebration will serve as Riley Children's Hospital fundraiser

BY ROB BURGESS

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The Wabash Kiwanis Club announced last week that it will soon celebrate its 100th anniversary with a special event.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Eric Seaman, club president, stated the celebratory event is scheduled to take place the evening of Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14 at the Honeywell Center. There will be a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs starting at 7 p.m.

"With the saying of 'Kiwanis loves Riley' in mind, the Wabash Kiwanis 100th Anniversary Gala will not only serve to look back on all of the years of service that the local organization has offered to children locally and around the world but also serve as a fundraiser for Riley Children's Hospital," he stated.

For more than 90 years, there's been a deep relationship between the Kiwanis Indiana District and Riley Children's Hospital, dating back to before the hospital's doors were even open to Hoosier children.

Seaman stated they raised \$1,625 in July for the 2019 Bucket Brigade fundraiser.

"It was the most money we've raised in that event since 2006 when we raised \$2,162.61," he stated. "Our total money raised for Riley in this regard since 1997 now stands at \$39,999.73. However, the club has also supported Riley through Kiwanis Indiana in other ways throughout the year with other initiatives."

Many of the fundraising and event details regarding the evening are still being planned by the club's Gala Committee, which is comprised of Seaman; Maia Brainard, board vice president; Anita Roos, board treasurer; and Beth Miller and Brittany Hanna, board members. However, once the holiday season is over, more details regarding the logistics of the event will be announced formally by the club.

The Wabash Kiwanis Club, which was founded Jan. 30, 1920, is dedicated to serving the local community through various service and

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# Hundreds attend funeral for Indiana veteran with no family

ELWOOD (AP) — Hundreds of veterans and other people who never met an 89-year-old Army veteran attended his funeral after central Indiana authorities were unable to track down any of the decorated veteran’s relatives.

Veterans from as far away as Michigan joined high school students and local residents for Thursday’s funeral services for George R. Green, a Korean War veteran who died on Dec. 5 of natural causes.

The street in front of the Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home was lined with American flags and a member of the Indiana Patriot Guard stood vigil outside as the overflow crowd gathered for the services in Elwood, about 40 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Pastor Rodney Ellis of First Missionary Baptist Church said that Green, a lifelong Elwood resident who had operated a venetian blind repair business, was awarded the Bronze Star medal four times during his wartime service that ended in 1953, The Herald Bulletin reported.

“He was a true patriot. He laid it all on the line to serve his country,” Ellis said during the services.

Afterward, a long procession of vehicles made the trip from Elwood to the Marion National Cemetery for Green’s burial, with military rites that included a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps.

The funeral home invited the public to Green’s funeral after none of his relatives came forward and officials could not locate any family members. But Green wasn’t alone, said Leon Richardson, a 20-year Army veteran from Greenfield who’s a member of the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association.

“He had family. We’re all here today,” he said.

Jim Dawson, commander of the Elwood American Legion, said Green, who was born and died in the same house in Elwood, won a state championship while in high school for his singing and performed at many weddings.

“He was a quiet person,” he said.

# Indiana county urges password changes after online breach

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — A southern Indiana county’s treasurer is warning that a breach of an online portal that allows people to access their property tax bills may have allowed hackers to view users’ personal information.

Monroe County Treasurer Jessica McClellan said the online intruder did not view any banking or credit card information because a separate company processes that information on behalf of the county.

But McClellan said there’s the possibility the intruder may have seen local residents’ passwords and she’s

recommending that the portal’s users change them, especially if their password is used in combination with other private information.

Master’s Touch, LLC provides the online web portal, eNoticesOnline.com, through the county’s website to allow taxpayers to view their property tax statement and assessments.

McClellan said the county was alerted on Nov. 1 that Master’s Touch, LLC had fallen victim to a malware attack on Oct. 23, The Herald-Times reported.

The company hired a computer forensic company to determine what the intruder had access to and while it found that no unauthorized data files were removed, the company was unsure if the files had been viewed, she said.

The personal information that may have been accessed includes taxpayers’ online username and passwords used to access the web portal, McClellan said.

She said Master’s Touch LLC sent out letters in the mail to customers last week explaining the situation. McClellan said there are about 1,930 subscribers to the online web portal in Monroe County.

## IN BRIEF

### Gunman barricaded in eastern Indiana opens fire on police

LYNN (AP) — An officer has been injured after a gunman barricaded in a home in eastern Indiana opened fire on police, authorities said Friday.

The officer might have been struck by shrapnel at the scene in the town of Lynn, about 67 miles north-east of Indianapolis near the Ohio state line, Indiana State Police told WRTV-TV.

The incident began around 3 p.m.

A SWAT team was en route to the scene late Friday afternoon.

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### Teen girl, grandparents died in house fire near Muncie

MUNCIE (AP) — Three people who died in a house fire west of Muncie have been identified.

Irie O’Shea, 17, and her grandparents, Daniel Porter, 71, and Kimberly Porter,

62, died in the fire, Delaware County Coroner Rick Howell said Friday.

The preliminary cause of death for each victim was smoke inhalation, Howell said.

The fire at the rural home was reported to emergency dispatchers at 1:50 a.m. Thursday. The house was destroyed.

**Showtimes for Thursday, December 19- Thursday, December 26**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

**Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in 2D (PG13)**  
Thurs (12/19): 6:15 • Fri 6:20, 6:50, 9:25  
Sat: 12:05, 3:10, 6:20, 6:50, 9:20 • Sun-Mon: 12:05, 3:10, 6:20, 6:50  
Wed: 6:20 • Thurs: 12:25, 6:20

**Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in RealD 3D (PG13)**  
Thurs (12/19): 6:25 • Fri: 9:55 • Sat: 12:40, 3:45, 9:55  
Sun-Mon: 12:40, 3:45 • Wed-Thurs: 3:25, 9:15

**Little Women (PG)**  
Wed: 3:35, 6:40, 9:40 • Thurs: 12:35, 3:35, 6:40, 9:40

**Sale in Disguise (PG)**  
Wed: 3:55, 6:50, 9:35 • Thurs: 12:45, 3:55, 6:50, 9:35

**Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)**

**Thurs (12/19): 6:55 • Fri: 7:00, 9:45**  
Sat: 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:45 • Sun-Mon: 1:00, 3:55, 7:00  
Wed: 4:05, 7:00, 9:55 • Thurs: 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55

**Katrina On (PG13)**  
Thurs (12/19): 6:35 • Fri: 6:40, 9:35  
Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:40, 9:35 • Sun-Mon: 12:25, 3:25, 6:40

**Frozen II in 2D (PG)**  
Thurs: 6:45 • Fri: 6:30, 9:15 • Sat: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30, 9:15  
Sun: 12:50, 3:35, 6:10 • Mon: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30

**Wed: 3:45, 6:30, 9:25 • Thurs: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:25**

**Free Family Christmas Movie: Dr. Seuss's The Grinch (PG)**  
Sat: 10:00A

**Free Christmas Classic: White Christmas**  
Sun: 6:30

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>41 / 27 | <b>Sunday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>43 / 30 | <b>Monday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>46 / 33 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Mostly Cloudy<br>44 / 34 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Mostly Cloudy<br>42 / 36 |

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:23 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:09 a.m.

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| New<br>12/26 | First<br>1/2 | Full<br>1/10 | Last<br>1/17 |

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 41°, humidity of 77%. South southwest wind 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 27°. South southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 23°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 43°, humidity of 71%.

# Reader wants to disappear for the holidays

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I am going on vacation at Christmastime this year. I usually go to visit my family, but my mother passed away a few months ago, and there is no family home to visit. I feel a bit lost right now, given that both of my parents are gone, which is why I scheduled this trip. It's a cruise, and I'm going by myself. I am an only child, and I don't have close friends. My co-workers told me that I am running away. They think I should stay in town and hang out with them. While that is very nice of them to offer, we are not that close. I think going to warm weather will make me happier. I can't bear to be in my hometown, missing my mom. Do you think I'm making a mistake? – Solo Trip



**Harriette Cole**  
Sense & Sensitivity

you need to come to terms with your new season of life – one without your parents. It may help you to get grief counseling. You can find that through your house of worship, your insurance company, even a funeral home. You deserve to have whatever support you need to tend to your healing heart. Make sure you get it.

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I'm going to visit my boyfriend's family in the Dominican Republic for the first time. He comes from a huge family. I want to impress them and also include everyone. I want to bring gifts, but I have no idea what to bring that I can share with more than 20 people. My boyfriend says I should just go. They can't wait to meet me, but I

want to do something special for them. Oh – I am on a budget. – The Right Gift

**DEAR THE RIGHT GIFT:** Why not make gifts for them? You can bake holiday cookies that you decorate, and store them in tins. Dry goods are allowed to go through customs, and cookies go far. If you are not a baker, you can cheat and buy cookies or other sweets that you can share with everyone. Get a count of family members, and consult your boyfriend about what types of sweets his family would appreciate most.

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Cash 5  
16-22-24-26-44  
Cash4Life  
06-15-35-44-59, Cash Ball: 3  
Daily Three-Midday 5-9-3, SB: 9  
Daily Three-Evening 9-1-8, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Midday 8-0-7-5, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Evening 8-4-9-3, SB: 9  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$171 million

#### FRIDAY'S METALS

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Aluminum..... | .80      |
| Copper.....   | 2.79     |
| Lead.....     | .86      |
| Zinc.....     | 1.05     |
| Gold.....     | 1,478.33 |
| Silver.....   | 17.19    |
| Platinum..... | 914.80   |

#### AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices  
Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$4.06. Soybeans: \$9.23.

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# Richvalley United Methodist Women hold December meeting

No meetings are scheduled for January or February 2020

STAFF REPORT

The Richvalley United Methodist Women (UMW) met in December for their Christmas brunch at Cindi Price's decorated home with Deanna Unger and Pam Smith assisting, according to a press release. Price gave the meal blessing and then served "a delicious brunch," according to

the release. To open the meeting, members repeated the UMW Purpose followed by president Amy Lauer giving devotions about the apple. Roll call was answered by 13 members and guest Jane Cole added a favorite Christmas story. Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer Vickie Thrush gave the financial report with the pledge being paid. A "generous amount" was sent for the thank you offering to the Northwest UMW District.

Money was sent to Christmas Spirit, LIFE Center, Lighthouse Mission Store, Hands of Hope, New Beginnings, United Methodist Children's Center, Bashor Home, Helping Hands and Ken Vance. FISH was added. Members signed up to be lesson-givers and hostesses for 2020. Bits of Richvalley history was received from Dave and Joyce Mills. Members were reminded to send a former member cards this month. Patty Sausaman and Lauer assembled several items in handmade

bags. Sausaman was the one who assembled the bags for Serena's Worth of Love mission. Price led several games about Christmas carols, singing and holiday readings. Carolyn Maxwell gave closing devotions with humor, scriptures and the gift of the Christ child. No meetings are scheduled for January or February 2020. The next meeting will be March 4, 2020. Shepherd Bill gave the dismissal prayer.

# 'It's all history now'

Usually, I fill this column with stories of Wabash County, but this time I'm looking for a change of pace. This time I'll stray a bit from our town and our county, and I'll write about



Indiana's brush with aviation history when the Wright brothers briefly considered making their experimental flights in the Indiana sand dunes on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The Wright brothers were, like most of America seems to know, bicycle mechanics in Dayton, Ohio, where they had a brisk business building and repairing bicycles in an era when many depended on bikes for transportation as well as recreation

The brothers were seized by the idea that powered flight was a possibility, and they pursued the thought with great intensity. Wilbur Wright was particularly interested in the experiments that a Chicago engineer and bridge-builder named Octave Chanute was conducting with gliders. In spring 1900, Wright wrote to Chanute seeking advice. It turned out to be the first of hundreds of letters that would flow between Chanute and the brothers.

Chanute, in his late 60s, was conducting test flights of gliders on the dunes at a spot known then as Miller, just east of Gary. In the course of extended correspondence with Wilbur Wright, Chanute shared the results of his experiments, and he encouraged the brothers in their quest for powered flight.

The Wright brothers were in search of a location where they could run their experiments. It had to be a place within a reasonable distance of Dayton and it had to be a place with reliable winds and soft sands to cushion hard landings.

"My business," Wilbur wrote in his first letter to

Chanute, "requires that my experimental work be confined to the months between September and January, and I would be particularly thankful for the advice as to a suitable locality with winds of 15 miles per hour without much rain or too inclement weather."

Chanute replied that the Indiana sand dunes met those requirements, but he also pointed out that harsh weather conditions occurred late in the year. He suggested San Diego, California, and Pine Island, Florida, or spots on the Atlantic coast in South Carolina or Georgia.

The Wright brothers were quick to reject California and even Florida because they were too far from Dayton.

Wilbur then wrote to what was then called the United States Weather Bureau and asked for information about winds at selected places on the Atlantic coast. Wilbur's eyes fell upon data from a place called Kitty Hawk, on the outer banks of South Carolina. There were reliable winds, soft sands and beaches without trees and brush.

But there were no hotels or houses to rent nearby. The brothers could obtain meals at homes of the few residents of Kitty Hawk, but they would have to live in a tent. So, live in a tent they did.

The choice of Kitty Hawk eliminated any chance of Indiana being the birthplace of powered flight. The Wright brothers ran a bicycle shop, and they couldn't leave Dayton in the summertime for that was the peak time for their business. Had that not been the case, their first successful flight might have taken place in Indiana. But think about it: Kitty Hawk has a much better ring than Miller, Indiana.

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# Pelosi: Power of gavel means Trump is 'impeached forever'

BY LISA MASCARO

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Nancy Pelosi promised as speaker she would "show the power of the gavel."

This year, she laid it out for all to see.

The past week alone, the Democratic leader delivered a \$1.4 trillion government funding package to stop a shutdown, pushed through the bipartisan U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, and passed her party's plan to lower prescription drug costs. In between, she led a congressional delegation to Europe for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

And on Wednesday, she impeached the president.

As the first year of Pelosi's second stint as speaker draws to a close — she is the only woman to hold the office, and the first speaker in 60 years to reclaim the gavel after losing it — the California Democrat took stock of whether she fulfilled her campaign trail promise.

"Donald Trump thinks so," Pelosi told The Associated Press during an interview Thursday at her office in the Capitol.

"He just got impeached. He'll be impeached forever. No matter what the Senate does. He's impeached forever because he violated our Constitution," she said.

"If I did nothing else, he saw the power of the gavel there," Pelosi told the AP.

"And it wasn't me, it was all of our members making their own decision."

"She has governed with force and authority," said Julian Zelizer, a professor of history and public policy at Princeton.

Zelizer said Pelosi has accomplished with Trump what others have not, which is to build a coalition strong enough to hold the president accountable, through impeachment, while also mulling through big bills. This, on top of what she did during her first term in the office.

"She is likely to go down in history as one of the most effective Speakers," he said.

Congress often runs toward a big year-end finish as lawmakers try to rack up accomplishments for the elections ahead. Lame-duck sessions, which this year is not, are often particularly robust as members capitalize on the narrow calendar window after the election but before the new Congress forms.

Former Speaker Paul Ryan delivered the GOP's sweeping tax cuts package in December 2017. Former Speaker John Boehner tried to secure the fiscal cliff deal of taxing and spending at the end of 2012, and it was eventually approved at New Year's.

Pelosi's earlier term as speaker, from 2007-2011, saw Democrats approve the signature achievement of the Obama era, the Affordable

Care Act, during Christmas in 2009, though most of the action by that stage in the legislative process had moved in the Senate.

She regained the gavel in January of this year, emerging from a contentious internal party election, after sweeping House Democrats to the majority in the 2018 midterm elections.

Pelosi's ability to steer the agenda is shaped in part by her decades in office. She modestly calls herself a master legislator, but there's truth in the brag — she brings more legislative experience to her job than those immediate predecessors. Particularly during the start of Obama's first term, when her party controlled both chambers, she ushered health care, financial reform and other major items to passage in what historians say was the most productive session of Congress since Lyndon Johnson's Great Society years.

Critics contend Pelosi strong-armed bills through the House, resulting in 2010 Democratic midterm election losses that cost the party its majority and her the gavel.

Trump said Democrats are on a "suicide march" toward electoral defeat once again with impeachment.

"Crazy Nancy Pelosi's House Democrats have branded themselves with an eternal mark of shame," Trump told a rally crowd in battleground Michigan on

the night he was being impeached.

The Republican leader of the Senate, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said Pelosi's House isn't accomplishing much because she is wasting time on impeachment.

But she notes that it's McConnell who calls himself the "grim reaper" in his Senate graveyard of House-passed bills he refuses to bring forward for a vote.

"The time is not up," Pelosi said Thursday, a reminder that all those pieces of legislation carry over to 2020, because Congress runs in two-year cycles and this session doesn't conclude for another year.

"As the election approaches, we would not want these to be election issues, we would like them to be accomplished legislation," she said. "So they either pass the bills or pay a price for not passing bills."

The impeachment vote will be what history remembers most from this week. But passing the trade bill is a major win for both parties. And approving the government funding — Pelosi was negotiating the package in calls with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin during her weekend diplomacy paying tribute to World War II veterans in Europe — counts too. Last year at this time, the government was heading toward what would become the nation's longest-ever federal shutdown.

## CALENDAR

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Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

### Laketon American Legion Post offering breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 to Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed. There will be no breakfast Wednesday, Dec. 25.

### Community Christmas dinner planned

A community Christmas dinner has been planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 at the Laketon American Legion Post, 10140 N. Troyer Road.

### Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Liv-

ing Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

### Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

### Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

### Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 27

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

### First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews.

Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

### Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org) or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or

older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### Red Cross schedules blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7, 2020

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

### Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit [www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show](http://www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show). A public reception for this event will

take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



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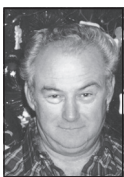
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## Edward James Hampton

Dec. 17, 1940 - Dec. 19, 2019

Edward James Hampton, 79, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 2:12 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born Dec. 17, 1940 in Wabash to Alva Russell and Emma Eveline (Curl) Hampton. Ed was a 1959 graduate of Laketon High School. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Ed married Kristi Jo Corn at the Lagro United Methodist Church on April 5, 1986. He drove a truck for Gaunt & Son Asphalt, retiring after 20 years. Ed enjoyed traveling, hunting, and fishing. He was a long-time bowler and belonged to several bowling leagues. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Jo Hamp-



ton, of Wabash, and two brothers, Jack Hampton, of Wabash, and Albert (Linda) Hampton of Goshen, Indiana, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Alice Sanders. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnvile. Friends may call 12:30 - 2 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Ed may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

## UK charges U.S. diplomat's wife over teen's death in crash

BY JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — An American diplomat's wife who left Britain after being involved in a fatal road accident that killed a British teenager has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving, British prosecutors said Friday. The decision to charge Anne Sacoolas, who has claimed diplomatic immunity, caused tension between the U.K. and the United States. British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab welcomed the move, but the State Department called it unhelpful. British police say 19-year-old motorcycle rider Harry

Dunn died in August when he was hit by a car driven by Sacoolas, whose husband was an intelligence officer at a military base in central England used by U.S. forces. Sacoolas claimed diplomatic immunity and left Britain after the crash. Dunn's family has urged her to return and face British justice, and met U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington as part of their campaign. Prosecutors said they had begun extradition proceedings, although it is up to the government whether to formally ask for Sacoolas to be sent back to Britain. Dunn's mother, Charlotte

Charles, said the charge was "a huge step in the start of achieving the promise to Harry that we made." "We made that promise to him the night we lost him to seek justice, thinking it was going to be really easy," she said. "We had no idea it was going to be this hard and it would take this long but we really feel it is one huge step towards that promise we made Harry." The tragedy caused a diplomatic dispute between Britain and the U.S. over Sacoolas' legal status. Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, families of diplomats are granted immunity from ar-

rest or detention. But British prosecutors maintain that immunity does not apply to dependents of consular officials based outside of London. But the State Department said Friday that "at the time the accident occurred, and for the duration of her stay in the U.K., the driver in this case had status that conferred diplomatic immunities." In a statement, the State Department expressed "deepest sympathies" over Dunn's death, but said the decision to charge Sacoolas was not "a helpful development." "We are disappointed by today's announcement and fear that it will not bring a resolution closer," it said.

## United pulls 737 Max until June, adding to Boeing woes

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — United Airlines says the Boeing 737 Max has been pulled from its flight schedule until June, the latest in a string of troubling news plaguing the airplane manufacturer. The developments follow Boeing's announcement Monday that it would halt Max production in January. It did not say when production would resume. Also on Friday, Spirit AeroSystems, which builds fuselages for Boeing, said it will end deliveries intended for the Max as damage from the troubled plane begins to ripple outward to suppliers. Adding to the woes, Boeing's new Starliner capsule went off course Friday during its first test flight. It was supposed to go to the International Space Station, but will not land there as planned. Airlines have already been dealing with the ripple effects of the Max, which was grounded worldwide after the second of two crashes of its jet. They have delaying putting the Max into their flight schedules, which has led to fewer available seats and

higher prices. United said Friday that the airline expects to cancel thousands of flights in coming months as a result of the grounding. The company had previously planned to return the plane to its flight schedule in March. United currently has 14 Max-9 aircraft, but it was supposed to have 30 by this time. United expects to cancel about 75 flights per day this month and 56 flights per day in January. The airline said it has been swapping aircraft and using spare planes to try to minimize disruptions. Southwest Airlines, which was counting on the Max to update its fleet, has said it will add the plane back into its schedule in April. American Airlines did the same last week. Spirit AeroSystems, based in Wichita, Kansas, said Friday that Boeing asked that deliveries be wound down by the end of the year. Revenue from 737 Max components account for more than half of Spirit's total annual revenue. The company employs 13,500 people, and is the largest job provider in Kansas' biggest city.

## Party again ups stakes for 7th Democratic candidate debate

BY MEG KINNARD  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Democratic National Committee is again upping its polling and fundraising requirements for presidential hopefuls to qualify for participating in the campaign's seventh debate in January, the first in a series of four held in the earliest-voting states. On Friday, party officials announced that qualifiers will need to meet one of two polling requirements to make the stage at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa: either receiving 5 percent in at least four national or early-state surveys approved by the party, or receiving 7 percent in two early-state polls. In terms of fundraising, candidates must receive donations from at least 225,000 unique donors, with a minimum of 1,000 unique donors per state in at least 20 states. That's up from 200,000 unique overall donors, and 800 in 20 states for the December debate in Los Angeles. The steadily stiffening requirements from debate to debate have been heavily scrutinized by candidates

and party activists, as DNC Chairman Tom Perez has juggled the tasks of keeping a historically large field from being too unwieldy for voters while keeping his promise that everyone running would have a fair shot to make a case on the national stage. Perez has defended the moves, saying that campaigns have had plenty of notice and that candidates who couldn't meet the qualifications weren't building the support necessary to defeat President Donald Trump next year. Party leaders have championed the transparency of their process, saying campaigns had no objections when they were told nearly a year ago about the stair-stepping qualifications. Ahead of Thursday night's debate, nine candidates wrote to party leaders urging them to consider changing qualifications for subsequent debates, arguing that the thresholds had made the competing field less diverse. The field of seven candidates — former Vice President Joe Biden, Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobu-

char, as well as South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg, businessman Andrew Yang and billionaire Tom Steyer — was the smallest and least diverse of the 2020 cycle, which at times has sprawled onto two stages on back-to-back nights. The confab was without New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who failed to qualify but has expressed confidence he will return to the stage for a subsequent debate. California Sen. Kamala Harris, on stage at all previous debates, ended her campaign earlier this month. The qualification deadline for polls, donations and fundraising is Jan. 10. CNN and The Des Moines Register are co-hosting the debate at Drake University on Jan. 14, about three weeks before Democrats make their first primary preferences known in the state's caucuses. The next debate is scheduled for Feb. 7 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Democrats will debate in Las Vegas on Feb. 19, and they'll meet for a debate in Charleston, South Carolina, on Feb. 25.

## KIWANIS

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fundraising projects. The club is a part of Kiwanis International, a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. The club meets every Tuesday at noon in the Crystal Room at Honeywell Center, located at 275 W. Market St. for lunch, fellowship and a program. For more information, email Seaman at [eseaman@honeywellfoundation.org](mailto:eseaman@honeywellfoundation.org).

## ICE

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make a rescue. Some bodies of water will appear to be frozen solid but actually can have thin ice in several potentially unexpected areas. Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice. Water that is surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness of the ice. Underground springs, wind, waterfowl and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.

## Trump blasts Christian magazine that called for his removal

BY ELANA SCHOR  
and JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is blasting a prominent Christian magazine that published an editorial arguing that he should be removed from office. Trump tweeted Friday morning that Christianity Today, an evangelical magazine founded by the late Rev. Billy Graham, "would rather have a Radical Left nonbeliever, who wants to take your religion & your guns, than Donald Trump as your President." The magazine's editor-in-chief published an argument for Trump's removal on Thursday, citing his "blackened moral record." While Trump wrote that the magazine "has been doing poorly and hasn't been involved with the Billy Graham family for many years," some of his strongest evangelical supporters — including Graham's son — were rallying to his side and against the magazine. Their pushback underscored the political value of Trump's hold on the evangelical Christian voting bloc that helped propel him into office and suggested the editorial would likely do little to shake

that group's loyalty. Rev. Franklin Graham, who now leads the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and prayed at Trump's inauguration, tweeted Friday morning that his late father would be "disappointed" in the magazine. Graham added that he "felt it necessary" following the editorial to share that his father, who died last year after counseling several past presidents, had voted for Trump. Christianity Today "represents what I would call the leftist elite within the evangelical community. They certainly don't represent the Bible-believing segment of the evangelical community," Graham told The Associated Press in an interview. He wrote on Facebook: "Is President Trump guilty of sin? Of course he is, as were all past presidents and as each one of us are, including myself." The magazine's circulation is estimated at 130,000. In its editorial, titled "Trump Should Be Removed from Office," Editor-in-Chief Mark Galli, wrote that, "Democrats have had it out for" the president since the start of his term. But Galli asserted that "the facts ... are unambiguous" when it comes to the acts

that led to the president's impeachment by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives this week. Trump "attempted to use his political power to coerce a foreign leader to harass and discredit one of the president's political opponents," Galli wrote, referring to Democratic rival and former Vice President Joe Biden. "That is not only a violation of the Constitution; more importantly, it is profoundly immoral." The schism among Christians about whether and how strongly to support Trump dates back to before his election. Prominent Southern Baptist Russell Moore warned that Trump "incites division" in a 2015 op-ed that cited the Bible in asking fellow Christians to "count the cost of following" him, later earning a tweeted lashing from then-candidate Trump. After Trump defended the organizers of a 2017 white nationalist rally that turned violent in Charlottesville, Va., one member of his evangelical advisory board stepped down, citing "a deepening conflict in values between myself and the administration." But no such break has occurred between the president

and the core of his evangelical base during his impeachment. Trump is deeply popular among self-described evangelical Christians, Trump is deeply popular among evangelicals, with roughly 8 in 10 white evangelical Protestants saying they approve of the way he is handling his job as president, according to a December poll from The AP-NORC Center. To the contrary, many prominent evangelicals have only intensified their support for Trump as Democrats moved to impeach him — circling the wagons despite Trump's colored personal history, multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, deeply divisive policies and profanity-laced comments. At the heart of that stalwart backing is what pro-Trump evangelicals view as the president's significant record of achievement on their highest priorities, such as his successful installation of more than 150 conservative federal judges and his support for anti-abortion policies. Indeed, Trump said in his tweets that, "No President has done more for the Evangelical community, and it's not even close." And he declared

that he "won't be reading ET again!" using the wrong initials to describe the Christian publication. Johnnie Moore, a member of Trump's evangelical advisory board, tweeted that during the "hyperventilating" over the "inconsequential" editorial, he was at Vice President Mike Pence's residence, "where dozens of evangelicals who actually lead MIL-LIONS were celebrating Christmas undistracted by impeachment & grateful for the (Trump administration's) policies." Adding that Christianity Today "only represents a certain segment of evangelicals," Moore tweeted that "this is not a game changing moment or hardly a surprise." Another Trump evangelical adviser, Southern Baptist megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, tweeted that the magazine is "dying" and "going against 99 percent of evangelical Republicans who oppose impeachment."

Christianity Today's editorial states it does not take a position on whether Trump should be removed by the Senate or by popular vote in the 2020 election, calling it "a matter of prudential judgment." But Galli wrote that the need for Trump's removal, "we believe, is not a matter of partisan loyalties but loyalty to the Creator of the Ten Commandments." The editorial came one day after Trump became the third president in American history to be impeached. The House charged him with abuse of power in pressuring Ukraine to announce investigations of Biden, and with obstructing Congress in the ensuing probe. Asked Friday in an interview with CNN about Trump's critical tweets, Galli said the president's characterization of the magazine as far left was "far from accurate." But Galli, who is set to retire from his post next month, also said he is realistic about the impact of his words. "I don't have any imagination that my editorial is going to shift their views on this matter," Galli said of those who support the president. "The fact of the matter is Christianity Today is not read by the people, Christians on the far right, by evangelicals on the far right, so they're going to be as dismissive of the magazine as President Trump has shown to be."



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Psalms 56:3 | NIV

How crazed Is the left? Its new villain is ... Pete Buttigieg

You just can't make these things up. The new enemy within for the Democratic Party's radicalized base, worthy of all the venom it can muster, isn't House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her caution on giving the green light to impeach President Donald Trump. It isn't Joe Biden for attacking Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders as so far left they're unelectable. It isn't even Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, who's announced he will vote against impeaching Trump and will probably switch parties – spurring six of his staff members to quit.

Instead, the populist left's heavy artillery is now aimed at, of all people, South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who, as an unapologetic homosexual with husband in tow on the campaign trail, is, in social terms, the most radical presidential candidate ever.

Does this make any sense? Buttigieg has one of the most far-left agendas ever offered by a presidential candidate. Some of what he proposes would make Barack Obama blush.

Included in what Mayor Pete estimates to be \$5.7 trillion in new spending is free child care, pre-kindergarten education (i.e. indoctrination) and after-school and summer care for low-income children, with a pay version of these schemes for others, costing \$700 billion. There's free public college for 80 percent of the middle class, with an estimated price tag of \$500 billion; \$430 billion for low- and middle-income housing; and a \$400 billion increase in the earned income tax credit, a disguised welfare program, which would hand \$1,000 each to 35 million poor families, which mostly, if not all, pay no income taxes. Plus \$200 billion in worker training and a

\$15 minimum wage.

He would pay for all this by soaking the rich with an increase in the capital gains tax on the top 1 percent, eliminating \$2.2 billion in Trump's tax cuts, squeezing \$675 billion out of the pharmaceutical industry via drug price regulation, and yanking \$100 billion from the banking industry through a forced crisis insurance program.

Buttigieg's solution to racism is his "Douglass Plan" to hand \$25 billion to black schools and colleges, have the federal government radicalize the way slavery and other race-oriented subjects are taught, "end the hypercriminalization and mass incarceration of black Americans," and authorize Washington to set the rules of engagement local police use against violent criminals – or as Buttigieg puts it, "require de-escalation efforts and limit lethal force to circumstances when it is absolutely necessary." One can only imagine how many cops would be murdered.

Since Buttigieg has some lucrative work for the McKinsey consulting firm on his resume, he's being pegged as a corporate shill. A #NeverPete hashtag has emerged on Twitter, copycatting #NeverTrump in 2016. Recently featuring it was Vox tech writer Teddy Schleifer, who shared "some photos of the Buttigieg fundraiser in Napa – with the famous wine cave and the chandelier with 1,500 Swarovski crystals." In another, a filmmaker and Sen. Bernie Sanders supporter opines that he and other NeverPeters "take issue with his neoliberal, centrist, pro-corporatist stances that will do next to nothing to help the working and middle class of this country."

All because of things such as the fact that rather than support Warren and Sanders' Medicare For All, Buttigieg proposes a still-astronomically expensive "Medicare For All Who Want It." The left has gone from seeking a "public option" that would be a slippery slope to European socialized medicine to demanding that no one even be allowed a "private option" to choose non-government health insurance.

In fact, with the all-too-willing help of the establishment media, Buttigieg might be exactly what Democrats need to defeat Trump next year – a nominee perceived as a moderate who defeated two candidates of the left, Warren and Sanders, but whose radical plans actually don't stray that far from theirs, either in cost or in revolutionary effect, thus placating the party base. Buttigieg also has a (probably practiced) Obama-esque earnestness, which some find charismatic, others sanctimonious.

But some activists, who still feel the sting of establishment Democrat Hillary Clinton "stealing" the nomination from Bernie in 2016, then allowing their worst nightmare, Trump, to come into power, have no use for such conjecture. Jodi Jacobson told CNN that Biden and Buttigieg were "both white guys" and "they both get away with saying stuff that we wouldn't abide by other people."

As odd as it may seem, for Buttigieg not to be straight is not enough for his party's left, to which he unquestionably belongs. He's still white and he's still male. And he's not quite full-bore socialist enough. (Or at least pretends too much not to be.)

A version of this editorial was first published in Issues & Insights.



Why these past few weeks have been the best of Trump's presidency

These past few weeks have arguably been the best of President Donald Trump's presidency – not despite impeachment, but in no small part because of it.

Consider the string of successes Trump has racked up in recent days. First came news that the U.S. economy added 266,000 jobs in November, far exceeding economic forecasts. Not only that, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics also revised the August and September jobs reports upward, adding 41,000 more jobs to the Trump economic record. And a new Quinnipiac poll found that 57 percent of Americans said they are better off financially since Trump took office.

In a move that will further bolster the economy, Trump reached agreement with House Democrats to move forward on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), giving the president a major win. Within days, Trump also reached a "Phase 1" trade deal with China, postponing new tariffs on Chinese goods that were set to kick in and cutting tariffs on some Chinese products he had previously imposed in half. The administration expects a \$200 billion boost in exports over two years from the deal. Both deals will certainly bolster the president's standing with the rural and working-class voters who defected to Trump from the Democrats in 2016.

That's not all. Trump also reached agreement with Democrats on a spending bill averting a government shutdown. He secured Democratic support on a tax bill that would repeal three Obamacare taxes, including the "Cadillac tax" on high-cost employer-

sponsored health insurance – a major win for union workers. And the House approved a \$738 billion defense spending bill that would authorize the creation of his Space Force and his parental leave policy for federal workers, while not including restrictions Democrats had threatened on use of defense dollars to build a border wall.

Trump also got good news from across the pond, when Boris Johnson's Conservatives trounced the Labour Party by effectively following Trump's 2016 campaign script – appealing to working-class voters with an anti-globalist message, promises to protect entitlements and make "colossal" investments in infrastructure. The Tory victory showed that Trump's brand of conservative populism is still potent.

To top it all off, Trump learned that the Justice Department inspector general found that the FBI had falsified evidence in its applications to the FISA court to conduct surveillance on his presidential campaign, and that – contrary to former FBI director James Comey's claims – the Democratic National Committee-funded Steele dossier played a "central and essential role" in authorizing that surveillance.

Ah, say the critics, but this good news was bookended by the dark cloud of impeachment, which dimmed the luster of Trump's successes. The opposite is true. Many of these successes happened precisely because of impeachment. Until now, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had been dragging her feet on the USMCA and other Trump priorities. So why did the legislative logjam break precisely the same week that Democrats introduced their articles of impeachment?

Because Democrats know that vot-

ers see them focusing on impeachment at the expense of getting things done. Moderate Democrats running in Trump districts have seen the polling showing that two-thirds of swing-state voters who cast their ballots for Trump in 2016, but then voted for Democrats in 2018, plan to back Trump again in 2020. One of them, Rep. Jeff Van Drew, D-N.J., was so alarmed he is switching to the Republican Party. As the rest of the Democrats are forced to walk the plank on impeachment, they are desperate to show that they are also working with Trump on the kitchen-table issues they campaigned on. Trump didn't get all this done despite impeachment; impeachment is the reason Democrats allowed gridlock to finally give way.

Impeachment is both a legislative and political plus for Trump. After weeks of hearings, most polls show that support for impeachment and removal has gone down – especially in swing states. Before the impeachment hearings began, a GOP poll by Firehouse Strategies showed Trump trailing his Democratic challengers; now, in the wake of the impeachment hearings, Trump is leading them all. The politics will only get worse for Democrats going forward. As soon as the House votes, impeachment moves to the Republican-controlled Senate. When the Senate acquits Trump, as it inevitably will, the spirits of the "Resistance" will be dampened – while Trump supporters will be energized by his victory and claimed vindication.

Bottom line: The economy is humming, Trump's accomplishments are accumulating and impeachment is backfiring – and that makes these the best weeks of Trump's presidency so far.

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Gratitude and the folks behind the beard

BY ERIC SCHANSBERG, PH.D.

My wife and I have a friend who has worked at a large retail store as an elf with Santa. She has told us some great stories about the wide variety of Santas and customers she has experienced.

She has nicknamed some of the Santas she encountered. I had heard of "Dirty Santa" before – one of the names for the gift-giving and gift-stealing game we like to play among adults. But she knows other Santas I haven't met yet: Grumpy Santa, Politically Incorrect Santa, Christian Santa, Actor Santa and Diva Santa.

As a labor economist, I was fascinated to think about the labor market for Santas. It's temporary and seasonal work. So, Santas are semi-retired or are using their Santa income to supplement their primary gig. Santas and the stores generally rely on an agency to act as a middleman. That's common for workers who are temporary or in a specialized market with few service providers.

Of course, it's not efficient for stores to have suits for multiple Santas with their different sizing needs. So part of hiring Santa is hiring (and renting) his uniform. Uniform quality ranges quite a bit, with suits as expensive as \$3,000. In case you're curious: our friend reports that most seem to sport a natural beard and sufficient girth to play the part well.

Santas often rotate between shifts and stores. For a full day at a retail store, working for the whole day would usually be too taxing. And given that the quality of Santas varies, maybe the agencies find it more useful to rotate them, rather than deal with complaints.

In the government's K-12 schools, unable to fire unproductive teachers easily, schools will sometimes "pass the trash" – moving poor teachers every few years, before parent complaints reach a climax. I wonder if poor Santas get shuffled around the same way. But as with teachers, Santas are often wonderful people who are reasonably effective at their work.

As you might imagine, the customers (adults and children) are also a wide mix, from the kind to the mean, from the quirky to the foul, from the grateful to the ungrateful. Some folks want a picture taken with their dog. Others bring babies with wet or dirty diapers. Some were experiencing this as the only Christmas they would have – because they could not afford anything or because a husband was dogmatically opposed to Christmas in any form.

All of them were receiving a service at no monetary cost. Some are so thankful; others seem to be missing "the reason for the season." Christmas and old St. Nick have their origins in Christ's birth and St. Nicholas's benevolence. In both cases, the historical events are built on grace – unmerited favor, getting something wonderful that we don't deserve.

In "Behind the Beard: A Santa Claus Journey," Aaron Bandy describes life as a Santa, including some of his job interviews. He tells the story about one manager who wanted to make sure he was not a trouble-maker. I enjoyed Bandy's discussion of costumes, children, parents and his gratitude for the opportunity to earn a good side income while doing something he loves.

Christmas can be a challenging time – for those who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one, those with few material resources, those away from family and so on. But ingratitude is never a good way to live. And around Christmas, it is especially ironic and appalling. When you're tempted to moan and complain, here's the best gift to give: Count your blessings; help those who are less fortunate; and embrace the grace behind the history of our celebration.

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# UK lawmakers OK Johnson’s Brexit bill, pave way to exit EU

**BY JILL LAWLESS**  
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LONDON — British lawmakers gave preliminary approval Friday to Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s Brexit bill, clearing the way for the U.K. to leave the European Union next month.

The House of Commons voted 358-234 for the Withdrawal Agreement Bill. It will receive more scrutiny and possible amendment next month, and also has to be approved by Parliament’s upper chamber, the House of Lords. But Johnson’s commanding Conservative majority in Parliament means it is almost certain to become law in January. Britain will then leave the EU on Jan. 31. Johnson said Friday that passing the bill would end the “acrimony and anguish” that has consumed the country since it voted in 2016 to leave the EU. Opponents argue that leaving the EU will only trigger more uncertainty over Britain’s future trade relations with the bloc.

Friday’s vote was a moment of triumph for Johnson, who won a commanding parliamentary majority in last week’s general election on a promise to end more than three years of political gridlock and lead Britain out of the European Union on Jan. 31.

The U.K.’s departure will open a new phase of Brexit, as Britain and the EU race to strike new relationships for trade, security and host of other areas by the end of 2020.

Johnson, however, painted Friday’s vote as a moment of closure. Opening debate on the bill he said, optimistically, that after Jan. 31, “Brexit will be done, it will be over.” “The sorry story of the last 3 ½ years will be at an end and we will be able to move forward together,” he said. “This is a time when we move on and discard the old labels of ‘leave’ and ‘remain,’” Johnson added. “Now is the time to act to-

gether as one reinvigorated nation.” Britain voted narrowly to leave the EU in a 2016 referendum. But previous attempts by Johnson and his predecessor, Theresa May, to pass a Brexit deal through the U.K. Parliament foundered as lawmakers objected to sections of the agreement and demanded a bigger say in the process. Johnson’s election victory finally gives him the power to get his way. “The election has produced a result: We will leave the EU at the end of January,” acknowledged pro-EU Liberal Democrat legislator Wera Hobhouse. “The battle to stop Brexit is over.” The bill commits Britain to leaving the EU on Jan. 31 and to concluding trade talks with the bloc by the end of 2020. Trade experts and EU officials say striking a free trade deal within 11 months will be a struggle, but Johnson insists he won’t agree to any more delays. The Brexit bill has been amended to bar ministers from agreeing to extend the transition period with the EU.

That has set off alarm bells among business es, who fear that means the country will face a “no-deal” Brexit at the start of 2021. Economists say that would disrupt trade with the EU – Britain’s biggest trading partner – and plunge the U.K. into recession. Johnson said Friday he was confident of striking a “deep, special and democratically accountable partnership with those nations we are proud to call our closest friends” by the Brexit deadline. He said extending the transition period would just prolong Brexit “acrimony and anguish ... a torture that came to resemble Lucy snatching away Charlie Brown’s football.” For all Johnson’s talk of “getting Brexit done” on Jan. 31, details of Britain’s negotiating stance – and even who will lead the trade

talks – remain unknown. Armed with his 80-seat majority in the 650-seat House of Commons, Johnson has stripped out parts of the Brexit bill that gave lawmakers a role in negotiating a future trade deal with the EU and required ministers to provide regular updates to Parliament. The clauses were added earlier in the year in an attempt to win opposition lawmakers’ support for the Brexit bill – backing that Johnson no longer needs. A promise that workers’ rights will not be eroded after Brexit has also been removed from the bill, although the Conservative government says it will enshrine employment rights in separate legislation. Opposition Labour Party lawmaker Hilary Benn said Johnson’s bill was “a gamble with our nation’s economy.” “If he fails, the cliff-edge of a no-deal Brexit becomes in just 12 months’ time,” he said. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said his 203 lawmakers would oppose the Brexit bill because of “the reckless direction in which the government and the prime minister are determined to take our country.”

“There is a better and fairer way for this country to leave the European Union,” he said. Even without opposition votes, the bill is expected to complete its passage through Parliament in January, in time for Britain to leave the 28-nation bloc on Jan. 31. The divorce deal also needs to be ratified by the European Parliament. European Parliament vice president Pedro Silva Pereira said officials expect that to happen by Jan. 29. Very little will change immediately after Brexit. Britain will remain an EU member in all but name during the 11-month transition period that ends in December 2020.

## JOY

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was a director of public relations, a director of medical records and a jungle warfare instructor in Panama for the U.S. Army. “I first joined the YMCA in Huntington Park, California in 1954 when I was 12 years old,” stated John Patrick Joy. “That summer we went into the High Sierra Nevada Mountains for several weeks. Our Troop 11 roughed it in the outdoors day and night. It was a great experience for me and all of us and a great time.”

John Patrick Joy stated his reasoning for being a member of the YMCA today is not quite as adventurous. “Penny and I joined the Y for our physical health, good social contacts and programs, bingo and weightlifting. The Y is the best environment in Wabash for good positive relationships with other people, Y members and exercise programs,” he stated. “My wife and I like Bingo. Penny enjoys the light exercises and walking around the track. I enjoy the weightlifting aspects and programs that advocate competition in the various lifts including bench press, squat and deadlift. The regular barbells, dumbbells are great, and so are the machines. I keep coming back to the Y because of the friendly people and the positive environment. I also

like to stay in shape and the Y is number one for this purpose. I like all aspects of the Y. Weightlifting is my favorite.” John Patrick Joy’s weightlifting is a deeply driven lifelong enterprise, and he has the accouterments to prove it. “I have been weightlifting for over 40 years and competed in many different lifting events. My favorite and best lift is the abdominal raise,” he stated. “This lift is a sit-up with the weight held behind the neck, body flat on the floor with the legs straight or knees bent. The feet are held down by a person or a special device.” John Patrick Joy stated he holds five world records and competed for the United States All Round Weight Lifting Association (USA-WA) and the International All Round Weightlifting Association (IAWA). “My best ever lift was 50 abdominal raises with 100 pounds held behind my neck,” he stated. “This took place at the Fitness Plus Gym in the Hemet, California on Oct. 11, 1989. I was 48 years old at that time. This would be equal to a 320-pound bench press with 50 reps or a 1 mile run on the track with a time of 3:59.4 according to many comparison experts. It took me 10 years of heavy workouts to achieve this goal.”

John Patrick Joy stated would love nothing more than to share some of the knowledge he has gained through the years with younger generations. Though he acknowledges that there is still a fervor for weightlifting, he fears that his style of work-out has faded too far into the annals of history. He would like to see a resurgence. “All Round Lifting was very popular in the late 19th or early 20th century with dozens and up to 100 different lifts,” he stated. “My lift the ab raise was going strong in the 19th century. All Round Lifting is getting better over the last three decades, but has a long ways to go before it can match the popularity it once had in the late 19th and 20th century up to 1950.” All Round Lifting may never enjoy the popularity it once had, but, John Joy will tell you about it if you ask with the hopes that he can pass a little something on. Regardless, he wants to see participation in the Wabash County YMCA continue to grow. “The Y keeps me going in a positive direction with good people and a pleasant environment,” he stated. “The Y is the center for wholesome living in Wabash County. There are negative situations in Wabash such as drugs, too many bars, gangs and bad influences for people, especially young people. The Y offers the complete opposite effect which are good positive social exercise programs.”

# Q&A: Anthony Daniels talks long ride as C-3PO in ‘Star Wars’

**BY JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.**  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Daniels went through a painful experience after not receiving the same amount of public recognition as other co-stars when the first “Star Wars” film released in 1977.

But in time, Daniels’ C-3PO character became one of the most popular in the franchise and he’s the only cast member to have appeared in all nine of the main “Star Wars” films. The British actor plays the soft-spoken “protocol droid” built by young Anakin Skywalker that is fluent in six million languages. His gold-plated character also appeared in the franchise’s the spin-off “Rogue One,” and had a cameo in “Ralph Breaks the Internet.”

C-3PO’s witty exchanges with fellow droid R2-D2 often served as comic relief, making the tandem fan favorites.

It’s been a long ride for the 73-year-old Daniels, who believes his appearance in “The Rise of Skywalker,” which opens in theaters Friday, will likely be his last film appearance as C-3PO. He highlights his “Star Wars” experiences in his new memoir “I Am C-3PO: The Inside Story,” which released in late October.

In a recent interview, Daniels spoke with The Associated Press about playing C-3PO and reflects on some of the best memories in the past 42 years in the iconic franchise.

**AP:** What has it been like to film in all nine films?

**DANIELS:** It’s been a ton of work, and a ton of employment, which is great.

As an actor, you’re always looking for the next job. And often that next job for me has been something to do with “Star Wars.” The friendship and companionship of being C-3PO has been quite a gift.

**AP:** Are you surprised “Star Wars” made it this far?

**DANIELS:** At the end of “A New Hope,” the original film, I thought that was it. Twelve weeks of weird and difficult work. Not entirely wonderful. I thought that was it. Then they came and said “Let’s make another one, then another.” ... So I’ve been swept along by forces beyond my control. But finally, it is ending.

**AP:** Is “A New Hope” your favorite film compared to the rest?

**DANIELS:** Yes, because I understood it. The story was simple enough that I got it. It got a bit complicated after that. It was an innocent film out of nowhere.

**AP:** It was your favorite film, but you struggled with being overlooked after “Star Wars” release as well, right?

**DANIELS:** It was difficult not being associated with the film when it first came out. That was a painful experience that lasted quite a while, but then changed over the course in time. It brings me here today with my name on the poster. Only parents care about that sort of thing.

**AP:** What has been your most memorable experience?

**DANIELS:** In the desert on the first episode. It was absolutely riveting. It had such an impact. Seeing the effect of people looking at me in the costume

then seeing their reactions. You are the center of attention. They can’t see you, but you’re absorbing the energy. That was pretty intense. That stays with me.

**AP:** When you put on your costume, what goes through your mind?

**DANIELS:** Here we go again. Why am I doing this? And then, adrenaline is a great thing when somebody on set says “action.” Suddenly, your professional skills take over. The adrenaline gently sets in and you put up with stuff. You make it work as a professional actor.

**AP:** What does the character, C-3PO, mean to you?

**DANIELS:** He’s kind of my friend, my companion. He’s somebody I know quite well. I want to be with him all the time. I’m proud to know him.

**AP:** What was it like for you not having Carrie Fisher around during filming “The Rise of Skywalker”?

**DANIELS:** It was little wistful. But she is so there in all these films. You sort of forget that she’s died, because she’s just there. That’s the magic of the media. Nobody is really gone anymore. You may not be able to physically touch them. But they are there. There are fond memories.

**AP:** What mark has your character and “Star Wars” left?

**DANIELS:** It’s so big that I kind of don’t get it yet. I need to be away from it for a while. Maybe I need to talk to more fans. So many people say “Thank you for my childhood.” We have given people a lot of stuff. They have given back with all their enthusiasm and affection.



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No charges for 2 Minnesota wrestlers in alleged sex assault

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two University of Minnesota wrestlers who were arrested on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct in June will not face criminal charges, a prosecutor announced Friday.

Gable Steveson and Dylan Martinez were arrested in June on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct after someone reported a rape and went to a hospital for treatment.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman told reporters Friday that all criminal cases, including sexual assault crimes, must meet the standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

“There are often conflicting versions of what happened and this case is no exception,” he said. “In the interest of justice, there is inadequate evidence to fairly charge and prosecute this case.”

Illinois school: Students disciplined over racist chants

ELGIN, Ill. (AP) — Students at a suburban Chicago Catholic high school were disciplined for shouting racist and body-shaming chants at members of a visiting girls basketball team, the principal said.

In a letter obtained by the (Elgin) Courier-News, the principal of St. Edward Central Catholic High School acknowledged that the allegations made by officials at Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in Kankakee were true. According to a Bishop McNamara football and track coach who was at the game, students from St. Edward Central in Elgin were making the sounds of monkeys and whales at the team.

“The behavior of some individuals from our school at the St. Edward CCHS and Bishop McNamara girls basketball game was completely unacceptable and runs contrary to our belief and values,” stated Brian Tekampe, who is also the school’s superintendent.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



GRAPPLE: Manchester’s Bryce Kamphues (top) sprawls out against his opponent during a takedown attempt in Thursday’s heavyweight bout against Rochester.

Squires push their win streak to 11

NORTH MANCHESTER – In search of its 10th consecutive victory of the season, the Manchester wrestling team turned to a couple of stalwarts to bring the win home on Thursday. Hosting Three Rivers Conference rivals Rochester, Elijah Burlingame and Dylan Stroud earned a first-period pinfall wins to stretch a 30-28 advantage into a 14-point advantage and help secure a 42-34 win on the night.

Stroud’s pinfall win at 138 pounds came with 27 seconds left in the opening period while Burlingame’s pinfall came only seconds later in his match with 12 seconds remaining in the first.

Those wins came after Mario Romero was pinned in the opening period of his 126-pound match to pull Rochester within two. Rochester’s comeback from down 30-6 started with a forfeit win at 106 pounds before earning a pinfall win over Brock Casper at 113 pounds. Haley Clifford would battle valiantly at 120 pounds, nearly earning a pinfall in the opening period before falling by major decision in the match, 17-11. The result pushed the scoreline to 30-22 before Romero’s loss.

The Squires burst out of the gates as the night started with a show-down at 152 pounds. Dominic Lincoln earned a pinfall win with 29 seconds left in the second period

to put the hosts up 6-0 early. While Rochester tied the game with consecutive decision wins at 160 and 170 pounds, Wabash ripped off a string of pinfalls in response.

Albin Lederhilger needed little more than a minute to win his match at 182 pounds and Ashton Moore pinned his opponent at 195 pounds with 35 seconds left, quickly opening up an 18-6 advantage.

Trevor Dill earned a forfeit win at 220 pounds before Bryce Kamphues pinned his heavyweight foe in 90 seconds, giving Manchester its 30-6 lead.

Manchester is now 12-2 on the season and will travel to Rochester for the John McKee Invitational on Saturday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Kansas, No. 18 Villanova to renew rivalry in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — The Kansas vs. Villanova rivalry has become glorious to view for college hoops fans. The two championship programs are intertwined, as much as nonconference teams can be, since the start of the century. Through snowstorms and court stormings, NCAA championship runs and a father-son connection this season, the Jayhawks and Wildcats have experienced many memorable moments.

No. 1 Kansas (9-1) heads to Philadelphia on Saturday to play No. 18 Villanova (8-2) at the Wells Fargo Center, the home of the 76ers and their All-Star big man and former Jayhawk Joel Embiid.

Embiid scored 10 points against the Wildcats in his only game of the series, unranked Villanova’s 63-59 win over No. 2 KU in the 2013 Battle 4 Atlantis tournament.

A nice win for the Wildcats, for sure, but certainly not the most meaningful.

“That’s always been the beauty of the Kansas games,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said. “I don’t think you can find a more respected, historic program than Kansas.”

**Villanova 83, No. 2 Kansas 62 Jan. 22, 2005**

When the final chapter on the Wright era is written, this victory is on the short list of games that will define the program. Wright was in his fourth season and had yet to lead the Wildcats to the NCAA Tournament. But led by future NBA superstar Kyle Lowry, long-time NBA

vet Randy Foye and star guard Alan Ray, Villanova was on an upswing and just needed one big win that could change the fortunes of the program.

Philly was hit by a devastating snowstorm that wreaked havoc for travel for both schools and left the arena half empty. Inside the building, the Wildcats hit an avalanche of 3s. Curtis Sumpter hit five 3-pointers and scored 25 points, Ray made four 3s and scored 27, Lowry was ejected for throwing a punch in a scrum. Villanova led by as many as 32 points. Undefeated Kansas never stood a chance. Villanova students counted down the final minutes before storming the court in celebration.

“We hadn’t really turned the corner yet,” Wright said. “I remember getting on the bus to go the arena in a blizzard and I thought, what’s worse that could happen? We had the No. 2 team in the country coming in, the place was sold out but no one was going to be there because no one was going to be able to get this game. I was like, this is the one chance we get.”

They made the most of it, and would make the first of their 14 NCAA Tournament appearances under Wright.

**Kansas 72, Villanova 57 2008 Sweet 16**

KU raced to a 21-point lead and treated the Wildcats as just a speed bump on the road toward its only national championship under Self. Again, Villanova used the Kansas game as a sort of measuring stick

for the program. Villanova made its first Final Four under Wright in 2009.

“When we lost to Kansas in the Sweet 16, there were certain things we learned in that game that helped us get to the Final Four the next year,” Wright said. “We thought, we’ve got to adjust here, we’ve got to change what we do. It helped us the next year.”

**Villanova 95, Kansas 79 2018 Final Four**

By 2018, the Wildcats had not only become a premier team like Kansas, they passed the Big 12 program on the list of the nation’s elite. This one proved it in a matchup between two No. 1 seeds. The Wildcats hit a whopping 18 3-pointers and opened the game on a 22-4 run. They would win their second national championship (along with 2016) giving Wright a 2-1 edge over Self in titles. Self was a 2017 inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Wright was announced this week as a nominee for the 2020 class.

Villanova beat Kansas in a 2016 Elite Eight game on the way to the national title. KU was again No. 1 last December when it knocked off the No. 17 Wildcats 74-71 in Allen Fieldhouse. There might be split loyalties on Saturday – the Wildcats have gotten production from freshman Jeremiah Robinson-Earl, son of 1997-2000 Jayhawk Lester Earl.

The Wildcats won the 2005 snowstorm game, but it was a footnote by Monday morning; the Eagles won the NFC title game the next day.

NFL

Panthers, Colts try to change script with strong finishes

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts still sound motivated.

With the playoffs out of reach, their championship quest on hold for another season and two seemingly meaningless games left, coach Frank Reich spent the past few days making some adjustments.

And explaining to players exactly what’s at stake.

“The goals are pretty simple. I mean win both games,” he said. “We’ve got to win this week. So finish 8-8, that is one goal. The other goal is — we are still training. There is an urgency now, but there is a bigger picture. You are always getting better.”

The Colts (6-8) certainly didn’t expect to be talking this way heading into Sunday’s game against Carolina after sitting atop the AFC South midway through the season.

But a rash of injuries, a flurry of costly special teams mistakes, and back-to-back sub-par defensive performances led to a fourth consecutive loss Monday at New Orleans, sealing Indy’s fate. The Colts have lost six of their last seven.

The Panthers (5-9) certainly understand Indy’s plight.

Kyle Allen won four of his first five starts after replacing the injured Cam Newton, prompting some to speculate Allen could be Newton’s eventual successor. Since then, though, the Panthers have fallen out of contention with six straight losses.

The collapse led to the ouster of longtime coach Ron Rivera in early December and Allen has been benched largely because of his turnover-prone ways. On Sunday, rookie Will Grier will make his first start in place of Allen.

“I think it’s just a football game,” interim coach Perry Fewell said when asked if he had any tips for Grier. “A credit to the movie ‘Hoosiers,’ it’s 53 1/3 yards wide, 100 yards long. We practice on it every day and play on it on Sundays, so it should be no different for him.”

Nor to Fewell.

Ten years ago, he closed the season as Buffalo Bills interim coach with a 30-7 victory when the Super Bowl-bound Colts rested their starters in the meaningless finale. Reich plans to play it straight, using his regulars, maybe even giving four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton more playing time as he continues recovering from an injured calf.

And inside in Indy’s locker room the message is simple: win before going home for the off-season.

“We are all men, we all trust each other, we’re going to fight for our brothers,” Pro Bowl linebacker Darius Leonard said. “We’ve got to win.”

THE GREAT CHASE

Christian McCaffrey hopes to celebrate his Pro Bowl selection by joining Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig as the third running back in history to gain 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season.

It will take some hard work. McCaffrey needs 186 yards receiving over the final two games to become the third member of the club.

While he said stats don’t drive him and credits his offensive line for a season in which he leads the league in yards from scrimmage (2,121) and total touchdowns (18), he’s impressed many around the league, too.

“He’s a great guy in this league and he’s been dominating the whole year,” Leonard said.



ON THE AIR

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN’S)**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** North Carolina A&T at Wake Forest  
**BTN:** Presbyterian at Michigan  
**ESPN:** The Crossroads Classic: Indiana vs. Notre Dame, Indianapolis  
**ESPN2:** Virginia Commonwealth at Wichita State  
**FOX:** Kansas at Villanova  
**FS1:** Samford at Georgetown  
**FS2:** The Orange Bowl Classic: South Florida vs. Florida State, Sunrise, Fla.  
**1 p.m.**  
**SECN:** Illinois at Missouri  
**2 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** Coppin State at Miami  
**FOX:** Texas at Providence  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**BTN:** The Crossroads Classic: Butler vs. Purdue, Indianapolis  
**FS1:** The Orange Bowl Classic: Florida vs. Utah, Sunrise, Fla.  
**3 p.m.**  
**CBS:** The CBS Sports Classic: UCLA vs. North Carolina, Las Vegas  
**PAC-12N:** San Diego at Stanford  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**SECN:** Belmont at Alabama  
**4 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** Virginia Military Institute at Virginia Tech  
**5 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Wisconsin (Milwaukee) at Wisconsin  
**5:15 p.m.**  
**CBS:** CBS Sports Classic: Ohio State vs. Kentucky, Las Vegas  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Minnesota vs. Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Okla.  
**PAC-12N:** Boston College at Cal  
**6 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** North Florida at Syracuse  
**SECN:** Lehigh at Auburn  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** Chicago Legends: Dayton vs. Colorado, Chicago  
**7 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Eastern Michigan at Michigan State  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**PAC-12N:** Creighton at Arizona State  
**SECN:** Oregon State at Texas A&M  
**9 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Chicago Legends: Cincinnati vs. Iowa, Chicago  
**FS1:** The Hall of Fame Classic: Louisiana State vs. Southern California, Los Angeles  
**10 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** The Hall of Fame Al Attles Classic: St. John’s vs. Arizona, San Francisco  
**10:30 p.m.**  
**PAC-12N:** Texas Southern at Oregon  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ABC:** The Celebration Bowl: Alcorn State vs. North Carolina A& T, Atlanta  
**2 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** The New Mexico Bowl: Central Michigan vs. San Diego State, Albuquerque, N.M.  
**ESPN2:** FCS Playoff: Montana State at North Dakota State, Semifinal  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** The Cure Bowl: Liberty vs. Georgia Southern, Orlando, Fla.  
**3 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** NCAA DII: West Florida vs.

Minnesota State, Championship, McKinney, Texas  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**ABC:** The Boca Raton Bowl: Southern Methodist vs. Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton, Fla.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** The Camellia Bowl: Florida International vs. Arkansas State, Montgomery, Ala.  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** FCS Playoff: Weber State at James Madison, Semifinal  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**ABC:** The Las Vegas Bowl: Boise State vs. Washington, Las Vegas  
**9 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** The New Orleans Bowl: Appalachian State vs. Alabama (Birmingham), New Orleans  
**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**  
**8 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** NCAA Tournament: Wisconsin vs. Stanford, Championship, Pittsburgh  
**GOLF**  
**10 p.m.**  
**GOLF:** PGA Tour: The Australian PGA Championship, Final Round, Benowa, Australia  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**9 p.m.**  
**NBATV:** Houston at Phoenix  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**NFLN:** Houston at Tampa Bay  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**NFLN:** Buffalo at New England  
**8:15 p.m.**  
**NFLN:** LA Rams at San Francisco  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
**7 p.m.**  
**NHLN:** Tampa Bay at Washington  
**SKIING**  
**3 p.m.**  
**NBC:** FIS: World Cup, Big Air, Atlanta  
**7 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** FIS: World Cup, Big Air, Atlanta  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** FIS: World Cup, Women’s Downhill, Val-d’Isère, France (taped)  
**SNOWBOARDING**  
**4 p.m.**  
**NBC:** FIS: World Cup, Halfpipe, Copper Mountain, Colo.  
**10 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** FIS: World Cup, Halfpipe, Secret Garden, China  
**SOCCER (MEN’S)**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**FS1:** Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg at Bayern Munich  
**9:55 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Wolves at Everton  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Premier League: Leicester City at Manchester City  
**TENNIS**  
**8 a.m.**  
**TENNIS:** The World Tennis Championship: Third Place and Final, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Sunday, Dec. 22**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN’S)**  
**1 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** Lafayette at Rutgers  
**3 p.m.**  
**ABC:** South Carolina at Virginia  
**ESPNU :** The Diamond Head Classic:

Houston vs. Portland, Quarterfinal, Honolulu  
**SECN:** New Mexico State at Mississippi State  
**5 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Xavier at TCU  
**ESPNU:** The Diamond Head Classic: Georgia Tech vs. Boise State, Quarterfinal, Honolulu  
**6 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** The Citadel at North Carolina State  
**9:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** The Diamond Head Classic: Ball State vs. Washington, Quarterfinal, Honolulu  
**11:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** The Diamond Head Classic: Texas (El Paso) vs. Hawaii, Quarterfinal, Honolulu  
**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
**BTN:** UCLA at Indiana  
**1 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Stanford at Texas  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** The Hall of Fame Showcase: Michigan vs. Florida State, Uncasville, Conn.  
**4 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** Hall of Fame Showcase: Oklahoma at Connecticut, Uncasville, Conn.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
**NBATV:** LA Clippers at Oklahoma City  
**9:30 p.m.**  
**NBATV:** Denver at LA Lakers  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: Baltimore at Cleveland, Cincinnati at Miami, Pittsburgh at NY Jets  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Jacksonville at Atlanta, New Orleans at Tennessee, Carolina at Indianapolis, NY Giants at Washington  
**4:05 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: Detroit at Denver, Oakland at LA Chargers  
**4:25 p.m.**  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Dallas at Philadelphia, Arizona at Seattle  
**8:20 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Kansas City at Chicago  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**NHLN:** Anaheim at NY Rangers  
**7 p.m.**  
**NHLN:** Calgary at Dallas  
**SKIING**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** FIS: World Cup, Women’s Combined, Val-d’Isère, France (taped)  
**SOCCER (MEN’S)**  
**8:55 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Manchester United at Watford  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**FS1:** Bundesliga: FC Berlin at Fortuna Düsseldorf  
**11:25 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Chelsea at Tottenham  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**ESPNEWS:** Serie A: The Italian Super Cup: Juventus vs. Lazio, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
**12 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt at SC Paderborn 07

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

‘Petersen Bowl’: Washington and Boise State meet in Las Vegas

BY DAN GREENSPAN  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Chris Petersen brought Boise State into the national consciousness with trick plays and toughness. He returned Washington to the top of the Pac-12 with his kind of guys. Now, as Petersen is set to step away after six seasons leading the Huskies and 14 consecutive years of the “frustration and anxiety and stress” that come with being a head coach, his final game for the time being will fittingly match the Huskies against the No. 18 Broncos in the Las Vegas Bowl on Saturday.

Petersen initially expressed hesitation about having his Huskies (7-5) play the Broncos (12-1), who are led by his former offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin. But Washington players have embraced everything around the matchup. “There is motivation, 100%,” defensive lineman Levi Onwuzurike said. “We all know the history, (Petersen) has been at Boise State and is here now. We want to win a bowl game and send him out with a win.”

Petersen, 55, caught college football by surprise when Washington announced on Dec. 2 that he would step down, with defensive coordinator Jimmy Lake taking over as the next coach of the Huskies following the bowl. It was typical Petersen, unexpected but carefully measured. Petersen has led Washington to two Pac-12 titles and three New Year’s Six bowls, including a berth in the College Football Playoff in 2016. But he was feeling the need to recharge, and Washington already had Lake ready to provide both continuity and a fresh perspective. The ability to identify talent and build relationships has always been at the heart of Petersen’s success. Harsin has tried to emulate that model, and with five seasons of at least 10 wins in his six years with the Broncos, it seems to have carried through. “If you’re smart, you want to try to figure out the formula and how do you incorporate that into what you do,” Harsin said. “You do it your way, but when people are doing things the way that he does it, you need to utilize that and pay attention to it and try to make it part of who you are

and what you do.”

MOVING ON UP

The Las Vegas Bowl will relocate from Sam Boyd Stadium to the new Allegiant Stadium just off the Las Vegas Strip in 2020, bringing with it upgraded conference tie-ins. The game moves up the Pac-12 pecking order against Southeastern Conference or Big Ten foes on a rotating basis. The Mountain West champion will still face a Pac-12 opponent but in a new bowl game to be held at the stadium the Los Angeles Rams and Chargers will share in Inglewood, California.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

The Broncos needed three different quarterbacks to win the Mountain West, and they will have a different play caller after offensive coordinator Zak Hill took the same position at Arizona State. Harsin will take a bigger role but joked he will “just put it on autopilot. Yeah, it’s already prerecorded, so we’re good that way.”

ASCENDANT AHMED

After his first two seasons at Washington saw him used as a change of pace rusher capable of providing big plays, Huskies running back Salvon Ahmed showed he could handle a full workload as a junior. Ahmed had four games with at least 20 carries, including a career-high 25 attempts for 174 yards and two touchdowns against Oregon State, en route to rushing for 1,000 yards and nine touchdowns.

PAC ATTACK

Boise State is 12-6 against the Conference of Champions since 2004, including a 4-1 record in bowl games with wins over Arizona State, Washington and Oregon in the Las Vegas Bowl.

DRAFT DEPARTURES

Washington will be without two of its top offensive players as tight end Hunter Bryant and left tackle Trey Adams will not play. Bryant is entering the NFL draft after he led the Huskies in receiving yards (825), was second in receptions (52) and tied for second in touchdown receptions (3) as a junior. Adams started 44 games in five seasons with the Huskies, but he missed time in 2017-18 because of knee and back injuries.

NFL

Steelers cut a safety following arrest at bar

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers cut reserve safety Kameron Kelly on Friday afternoon hours after the rookie was arrested following an alleged altercation with police at a bar.

The 23-year-old Kelly was charged with two counts of making terroristic threats and one count of resisting arrest after authorities said he became combative after refusing to leave Mario’s South Side Saloon early Friday. He was arraigned at about 4:30 a.m. and released on nonmonetary bail.

According to the criminal complaint, police were called to the bar after an employee reported Kelly for becoming disorderly. Police say the employee told them Kelly had threatened to punch him for skipping Kelly’s selection on the jukebox.

Police say an officer accidentally stepped on the foot of a woman outside the bar while confronting Kelly. Kelly told police the woman was with him and became aggressive with officers, according to the complaint. Police say Kelly resisted arrest and was punched multiple times by an officer, who said in the complaint that he struck Kelly in an effort to defuse the situation. Kelly was treated at a hospital for a busted lip.

It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

Kelly had one interception in 14 games with the Steelers after making the team out of training camp as a free agent. The Steelers did not comment on Kelly’s arrest beyond announcing that they had waived him.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE |    |    |   |      |         |
|---------------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
| East                |    |    |   |      |         |
| x-New England       | 11 | 3  | 0 | .786 | 372 181 |
| x-Buffalo           | 10 | 4  | 0 | .714 | 291 222 |
| N.Y. Jets           | 5  | 9  | 0 | .357 | 247 343 |
| Miami               | 3  | 11 | 0 | .214 | 241 435 |

| South        |   |   |   |      |         |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|---------|
| Houston      | 9 | 5 | 0 | .643 | 341 330 |
| Tennessee    | 8 | 6 | 0 | .571 | 339 279 |
| Indianapolis | 6 | 8 | 0 | .429 | 303 329 |
| Jacksonville | 5 | 9 | 0 | .357 | 250 353 |

| North       |    |    |   |      |         |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
| y-Baltimore | 12 | 2  | 0 | .857 | 472 257 |
| Pittsburgh  | 8  | 6  | 0 | .571 | 269 259 |
| Cleveland   | 6  | 8  | 0 | .429 | 297 329 |
| Cincinnati  | 1  | 13 | 0 | .071 | 211 359 |

| West          |    |   |   |      |         |
|---------------|----|---|---|------|---------|
| y-Kansas City | 10 | 4 | 0 | .714 | 394 284 |
| Oakland       | 6  | 8 | 0 | .429 | 274 365 |
| Denver        | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 239 284 |
| L.A. Chargers | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 299 290 |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE |   |    |   |      |         |
|---------------------|---|----|---|------|---------|
| East                |   |    |   |      |         |
| Dallas              | 7 | 7  | 0 | .500 | 378 288 |
| Philadelphia        | 7 | 7  | 0 | .500 | 334 328 |
| N.Y. Giants         | 3 | 11 | 0 | .214 | 283 382 |
| Washington          | 3 | 11 | 0 | .214 | 215 347 |

| South         |    |   |   |      |         |
|---------------|----|---|---|------|---------|
| y-New Orleans | 11 | 3 | 0 | .786 | 378 303 |
| Tampa Bay     | 7  | 7 | 0 | .500 | 416 398 |
| Atlanta       | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 329 365 |
| Carolina      | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 324 390 |

| North       |    |    |   |      |         |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
| x-Green Bay | 11 | 3  | 0 | .786 | 330 283 |
| Minnesota   | 10 | 4  | 0 | .714 | 378 259 |
| Chicago     | 7  | 7  | 0 | .500 | 256 253 |
| Detroit     | 3  | 10 | 1 | .250 | 304 373 |

| West            |    |   |   |      |         |
|-----------------|----|---|---|------|---------|
| x-San Francisco | 11 | 3 | 0 | .786 | 419 258 |
| x-Seattle       | 11 | 3 | 0 | .786 | 371 345 |
| L.A. Rams       | 8  | 6 | 0 | .571 | 332 306 |
| Arizona         | 4  | 9 | 1 | .321 | 310 398 |

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division

**Saturday’s Games**  
Houston at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Buffalo at New England, 4:30 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.  
**Sunday’s Games**  
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
Detroit at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.  
Kansas City at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.  
**Monday’s Game**  
Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

**Week 16**  
**AFC**  
CLINCHED: Baltimore - AFC North; Kansas - AFC West; Buffalo and New England - playoff berths  
**BALTIMORE (at Cleveland, Sunday)**  
Clinches first-round bye with:  
— Win or tie, OR  
— Kansas City loss or tie, OR  
— New England loss  
Clinches homefield advantage throughout AFC Playoffs with:  
— Win, OR  
— Tie and New England loss or tie, OR  
— Kansas City loss or tie and New England loss  
**NEW ENGLAND (vs. Buffalo, Saturday)**  
Clinches AFC East with:  
— Win or tie  
Clinches first-round bye with:  
— Win and Kansas City loss or tie, OR  
— Tie and Kansas City loss  
**HOUSTON (at Tampa Bay, Saturday)**

Clinches AFC South with:  
— Win, OR  
— Tie and Tennessee tie, OR  
— Tennessee loss  
Clinches playoff berth with:  
— Tie and Pittsburgh tie, OR  
— Pittsburgh loss  
**NFC**  
CLINCHED: New Orleans - NFC South; Green Bay, San Francisco and Seattle - playoff berths  
**GREEN BAY (at Minnesota, Monday)**  
Clinches NFC North with:  
— Win or tie  
DALLAS (at Philadelphia, Sunday)  
Clinches NFC East with:  
— Win  
**MINNESOTA (vs. Green Bay, Monday)**  
Clinches playoff berth with:  
— Win or tie, OR  
— L.A. Rams loss or tie

NHL

| EASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |   |          |
|--------------------|----|----|----|---|----------|
| Atlantic Division  |    |    |    |   |          |
| Boston             | 36 | 21 | 7  | 8 | 50120 93 |
| Montreal           | 35 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 40112111 |
| Buffalo            | 36 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 39111114 |
| Tampa Bay          | 33 | 17 | 12 | 4 | 38117107 |
| Toronto            | 35 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 38115112 |
| Florida            | 33 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 37115109 |
| Ottawa             | 36 | 15 | 18 | 3 | 33 99117 |
| Detroit            | 36 | 9  | 24 | 3 | 21 79141 |

| Metropolitan Division |    |    |    |   |          |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|---|----------|
| Washington            | 35 | 24 | 6  | 5 | 53125100 |
| N.Y. Islanders        | 33 | 23 | 8  | 2 | 48 98 82 |
| Carolina              | 35 | 22 | 11 | 2 | 46116 90 |
| Pittsburgh            | 34 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 44114 90 |
| Philadelphia          | 35 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 43111101 |
| N.Y. Rangers          | 33 | 16 | 13 | 4 | 36105106 |
| Columbus              | 35 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 36 90103 |
| New Jersey            | 33 | 11 | 17 | 5 | 27 80116 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |   |          |
|--------------------|----|----|----|---|----------|
| Central Division   |    |    |    |   |          |
| St. Louis          | 35 | 22 | 8  | 6 | 50109 96 |
| Colorado           | 35 | 22 | 10 | 3 | 47124 95 |
| Buffalo            | 36 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 46 95 85 |
| Winnipeg           | 35 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 42105101 |
| Minnesota          | 36 | 17 | 14 | 5 | 39115107 |
| Nashville          | 34 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 38119111 |
| Chicago            | 36 | 14 | 16 | 6 | 34 99115 |
| Pacific Division   |    |    |    |   |          |
| Arizona            | 37 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 44105 94 |
| Vegas              | 38 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 44116110 |
| Edmonton           | 37 | 19 | 14 | 4 | 42109112 |
| Calgary            | 37 | 18 | 14 | 5 | 41 99112 |
| Vancouver          | 36 | 17 | 15 | 4 | 38116112 |
| San Jose           | 36 | 16 | 18 | 2 | 34 98125 |
| Los Angeles        | 35 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 34 96117 |
| Anaheim            | 35 | 14 | 17 | 4 | 32 89104 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.  
**Thursday’s Games**  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Boston 2, SO  
Columbus 3, Los Angeles 2, OT  
Philadelphia 6, Buffalo 1  
Dallas 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT  
Ottawa 5, Nashville 4, OT  
Chicago 4, Winnipeg 1  
Montreal 4, Calgary 3, OT  
Carolina 3, Colorado 1  
Minnesota 8, Arizona 5  
Vancouver 5, Vegas 4, OT  
**Friday’s Games**  
Dallas at Florida  
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers  
Washington at New Jersey  
Pittsburgh at Edmonton  
**Saturday’s Games**  
Los Angeles at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Anaheim at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 2 p.m.  
Nashville at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Edmonton, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
**Sunday’s Games**  
Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.  
Calgary at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
Arizona at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Vegas at San Jose, 10 p.m.

NBA

| EASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |      |     |    |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|----|
| Atlantic Division  |    |    |      |     |    |
| Philadelphia       | 20 | 9  | .690 |     | GB |
| Boston             | 18 | 7  | .720 |     | —  |
| Toronto            | 19 | 8  | .704 |     | —  |
| Brooklyn           | 15 | 13 | .536 | 4½  |    |
| New York           | 7  | 21 | .250 | 12½ |    |

| Southeast Division |    |     |      |     |   |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| W                  | L  | Pct | GB   |     |   |
| Miami              | 20 | 8   | .714 |     | — |
| Orlando            | 12 | 16  | .429 | 8   |   |
| Charlotte          | 13 | 18  | .419 | 8½  |   |
| Washington         | 8  | 18  | .308 | 11  |   |
| Atlanta            | 6  | 23  | .207 | 14½ |   |

| Central Division |    |     |      |     |   |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| W                | L  | Pct | GB   |     |   |
| Milwaukee        | 25 | 4   | .862 |     | — |
| Indiana          | 19 | 9   | .679 | 5½  |   |
| Detroit          | 11 | 17  | .393 | 13½ |   |
| Chicago          | 11 | 19  | .367 | 14½ |   |
| Cleveland        | 7  | 21  | .250 | 17½ |   |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |     |      |     |   |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| Southwest Division |    |     |      |     |   |
| W                  | L  | Pct | GB   |     |   |
| Houston            | 19 | 9   | .679 |     | — |
| Dallas             | 18 | 9   | .667 | ½   |   |
| San Antonio        | 11 | 16  | .407 | 7½  |   |
| Memphis            | 10 | 18  | .357 | 9   |   |
| New Orleans        | 7  | 22  | .241 | 12½ |   |

| Northwest Division |    |    |      |    |
|--------------------|----|----|------|----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
| Denver             | 18 | 8  | .692 | —  |
| Utah               | 17 | 11 | .607 | 2  |
| Oklahoma City      | 13 | 14 | .481 | 5½ |
| Portland           | 12 | 16 | .429 | 7  |



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Marian, Morningside RBs highlight the AP NAIA All-America team

Marian, Indiana, native Charles Salary is the Player of the Year

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Player of the year Charles Salary from Marian (Ind.) and fellow running back Arnijae Ponder of Morningside (Iowa) lead The Associated Press NAIA All-America team.

The team, presented by Regions Bank and released Friday, was selected by a panel of sports information directors and the AP.

Marian (12-0) and defending champion Morningside (13-0) will play Saturday in the NAIA championship game at Eddie Robinson Stadium in Grambling, Louisiana.

Salary has run for 1,586 yards and 18 touchdowns this season to lead Marian. Ponder has run for 1,754 yards and 23 touchdowns, and was

joined on the first team by offensive lineman Garrett Temme. Marian also placed defensive lineman Mac Dutra on the first team.

Johnny Feauto of Kansas Wesleyan was the first team quarterback. The senior has 4,089 yards passing and 49 touchdown passes.

Joe Dolincheck of Morningside was the second team quarterback. He has thrown for 3,992 yards and 43 touchdowns.

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Johnny Feauto, senior, Kansas Wesleyan.  
Running backs — Arnijae Ponder, junior, Morningside (Iowa); Charles Salary, senior, Marian (Ind.).  
Linemen — Josh Brown, senior, College of Idaho; Trey Coney, senior, Reinhardt (Ga.); Garrett Temme, senior, Morningside (Iowa); Mike Davis, senior, Southeastern (Fla.); Austin Sherrill, junior, Keiser (Fla.).  
Tight end — Trenton Poe-Evans, senior, Kansas Wesleyan.  
Receivers — DeVon McCoy, sophomore, Kentucky Christian; Shane Solberg, junior, Northwestern (Iowa).  
All-purpose player — Jaylen Boyd, junior, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.).  
Kicker — Kyle Mitchell, senior, College of Idaho.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Jeremiah Pharms, senior, Friends (Kan.); Landon, Corolla, senior, Georgetown (Ky.); Shaq Bradford, senior, Kansas Wesleyan; Mac Dutra, senior, Marian (Ind.).  
Linebackers — Austin Cuicchi, senior, Grand View (Iowa);

Jason Ferris, senior, Montana Western; DaMarcus Wimbush, junior, Bluefield (Va.).  
Secondary — Dayton Bush, senior, Benedictine (Kan.); Dallis Flowers, junior, Grand View (Iowa); Sage Chen-Young, sophomore, Keiser (Fla.); Takota Anderson, senior, Kansas Wesleyan.  
Punter — Drake Higgins, senior, Missouri Valley College.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Joe Dolincheck, sophomore, Morningside (Iowa).  
Running backs — Demarco Prewitt, senior, Kansas Wesleyan; Tim Whitfield, junior, Langston (Okla.).  
Linemen — Dustin Rivera, junior, Southwestern (Kan.); James Officer IV, senior, Olivet Nazarene (Ill.); Andrew Rupich, junior, Culver-Stockton (Mo.); Robert Mosley, senior, Waldorf (Iowa); Paxton De Haan, senior, Northwestern (Iowa).  
Tight end — Austin Harris, sophomore, Midland (Neb.).  
Receivers — Stevie Williams, junior, Kansas Wesleyan; Reid Jurgensmeier, junior, Morningside (Iowa).  
All-purpose player — Louis Quinones, senior, Valley City State (N.D.).  
Kicker — Nathan Hamilton, freshman, Grand View (Iowa).

DEFENSE

Linemen — James Jamicich, senior, St. Francis (Ind.); Seth Fallen, senior, Reinhardt (Ga.); Kumi Sarpong Jr., sophomore, Cumberlands (Ky.); Robert Robinson, junior, Briar Cliffs (Iowa).  
Linebackers — Sam Morton, senior, Evangel (Mo.); Tanner Machacek, senior, Northwestern (Iowa); Kevin Brown, senior, Dickinson State (N.D.).  
Secondary — Klayton Nordeen, senior, Morningside (Iowa); Trevon Claybourne, senior, Siena Heights (Mich.); Twon Collymore, sophomore, Sterling (Kan.); Starr Thompson, senior, Georgetown (Ky.).  
Punter — Austin Bohn, senior, Ottawa (Ariz.)

MLB

# AP source: Teheran and Angels agree to \$9 million, one-year deal

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels added another arm to their rotation, agreeing to a \$9 million, one-year contract with right-hander Julio Teheran, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because the deal, first reported by ESPN, is subject to a successful physical.

Teheran spent the past seven seasons

with the Atlanta Braves, who declined his \$12 million option. He was 10-11 with a 3.81 ERA last season and was left off the Division Series roster against St. Louis, then added as a replacement when Chris Martin got hurt

The 28-year old Teheran is 77-73 with a 3.67 ERA in 229 games, all but three starts.

The Angels had the second-highest ERA in the major leagues last season at 5.64 ERA and have made pitching

a major priority during the offseason. They tried to sign Gerrit Cole before he accepted a \$324 million, nine-year deal with the New York Yankees and have turned their attention toward Dallas Keuchel and Hyun-Jin Ryu. They also acquired Dylan Bundy in a trade with Baltimore.

In addition to Teheran and Bundy, Los Angeles has Andrew Heaney, Shohei Ohtani and Griffin Canning in its projected rotation.

NFL

# Patrick Mahomes flourishes in the snow as Chiefs keep winning

Kansas City still has chance to get No. 2 seed for AFC playoffs

BY DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes leaned his head back with a smile stretching ear to ear, gazing up toward the sky as snow swirled around him, the young quarterback lost in the surreal atmosphere of the giant Arrowhead Stadium snow-globe.

Such pure joy, and the game hadn't even started yet.

In wintry conditions that should have made it hard to throw the ball and even more difficult to catch it, the reigning league MVP showed once more why he is among the best quarterbacks in the league. Mahomes completed 27 of 34 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns against the Denver Broncos — the second-best completion percentage of his young career — and led the Chiefs to a 23-3 victory Sunday to remain in the hunt for a first-round playoff bye.

"It's pretty unbelievable, man. He was winging it," said Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, who was on the receiving end of 11 passes for 142 yards. "Those weren't just balls like shotputs that you normally see in the snow or a really bad rain game. He was out there letting it fly, and he's a special guy. I've never seen anyone throw it like that in the snow, that's for sure."

Making it more incredible is that Mahomes has very little experience in the snow.

He grew up playing youth and prep

football in Texas, and he starred in college at Texas Tech. He's more accustomed to playing in 100-degree heat than 10-degree wind chills. Mahomes played in a couple of frigid games late last season, including a playoff loss to New England, but nothing that compared to the scene Sunday.

The snow began before the sun came up. It slowed briefly around kickoff, then picked up again during the second half, at times obscuring the view of Kauffman Stadium about a quarter mile across the parking lot from Arrowhead.

"I was impressed, too!" said Chiefs running back Darwin Thompson, when asked about his quarterback's performance. "We can do it in any weather, any time, on the concrete in front of Walgreens. Where do you want it? We can play ball whenever. Patrick Mahomes, he's a future Hall of Famer. Travis Kelce and them boys, you see them out there catching the ball? On the other side, they weren't doing it like we were, and I'm like, 'We really out here playing in the snow?'"

Not just playing but, put another way, thriving.

The Chiefs scored on their first four possessions — albeit three field goals — and kept the Broncos out of the end zone entirely. Mahomes was a big reason for the success, hitting eight different targets and finding Tyreek Hill for two scores.

The first was a long heave that hit the speedster in stride, the ball placed so perfectly that Hill kept running right through the end zone and up the tunnel beneath the stadium. The second showed the ability of Mahomes to throw every kind of pass imaginable, a short out-route

try this?" A few small things that I thought were good suggestions."

MOORE'S CHANGE

It will be interesting to see how the quarterback change impacts Panthers receiver DJ Moore, who has averaged more than 101 yards and caught three TD passes in the last seven games.

Moore said it doesn't matter who's throwing the ball, explaining his recent success is more about the system than the quarterback.

"I just do my job," Moore said.

OFFENSIVE WOES

Indy's inability to close out games is one reason the Colts will miss the postseason for the fourth time in five

years. They've been outscored 31-7 in the fourth quarter of the last three games. Even worse, the Colts' once strong running game has virtually ground to a halt with Marlon Mack gaining just 57 yards on 24 carries the last two weeks.

Clearly that's an area Reich wants to fix and it could happen this week against a defense that is allowing a league-worst 5.19 yards per carry.

But the Colts know they must execute better, too.

"We haven't game planned it well enough as coaches. We haven't executed it well enough as a team and some of it is just sheer attempts," he said. "We've got to try and straighten that out the next two weeks."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Mooney, Irish to play Indiana

Indiana (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (8-3)

Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis; Saturday, 12 p.m. EST

BOTTOM LINE: Two forwards will be on display as Trayce Jackson-Davis and Indiana will go up against John Mooney and Notre Dame. The freshman Jackson-Davis is averaging 15.2 points over the last five games. Mooney, a senior, is averaging 15 points over the last five games.

SAVVY SENIORS: Notre Dame has relied heavily on its seniors this year. Mooney, T.J. Gibbs, Prentiss Hubb and Juwan Durham have collectively accounted for 60 percent of the team's scoring this year and 63 percent of all Fighting Irish points over the last five games.

MIGHTY MOONEY: Mooney has connected on 31.4 percent of the 35 3-pointers he's attempted

and has made 6 of 14 over his last five games. He's also converted 56.1 percent of his free throws this season.

PERFECT WHEN: Notre Dame is a perfect 6-0 when the team blocks at least five opposing shots. The Fighting Irish are 2-3 this season when they block fewer than five shots.

ACCOUNTING FOR ASSISTS: The Irish have recently converted buckets via assists more often than the Hoosiers. Notre Dame has an assist on 64 of 88 field goals (72.7 percent) over its past three matchups while Indiana has assists on 40 of 74 field goals (54.1 percent) during its past three games.

DID YOU KNOW: Notre Dame has committed a turnover on just 13.8 percent of its possessions this season, which is the third-best rate among all Division I teams. The Fighting Irish have turned the ball over only 9.7 times per game this season.

# Purdue faces test vs. No. 17 Butler

No. 17 Butler (10-1) vs. Purdue (7-4)

Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis; Saturday, 2:30 p.m. EST

BOTTOM LINE: No. 17 Butler presents a very tough challenge for the scrappy Purdue Boilermakers. Butler won easily 66-41 at home against Southern on Saturday.

SUPER SENIORS: Butler's Kamar Baldwin, Bryce Nze and Sean McDermott have collectively accounted for 54 percent of the team's scoring this season, including 64 percent of all Bulldogs points over the last five games.

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS: Baldwin has made or assisted on 45 percent of all Butler field goals over the last five games. Baldwin has accounted for 35 field

goals and 18 assists in those games.

UNDEFEATED WHEN: Purdue is a perfect 5-0 when it scores at least 69 points. The Boilermakers are 2-4 when scoring any fewer than that.

ASSIST RATIOS: The Bulldogs have recently used assists to create buckets more often than the Boilermakers. Purdue has 40 assists on 72 field goals (55.6 percent) across its past three outings while Butler has assists on 41 of 65 field goals (63.1 percent) during its past three games.

DID YOU KNOW: The Butler defense has allowed only 54.5 points per game to opponents, which is the fourth-lowest figure in the country. The Purdue offense has produced just 67.7 points through 11 games (ranked 211th among Division I teams).

# Memphis' James Wiseman says he has withdrawn from school

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Wiseman's college career has come to an end after just three games with the Memphis center and likely NBA lottery pick saying on social media he has withdrawn from school to begin focusing on his pro career rather than sitting out the rest of a 12-game NCAA suspension.

The 7-foot-1 freshman announced his decision Thursday in an Instagram post, saying he was leaving school to start "preparing for the next chapter of my life."

"Ever since I was a little kid, it's been a dream of mine to play in the NBA," Wiseman wrote.

Wiseman was the top 2019 high school prospect and is considered the potential No. 1 pick in the 2020 NBA draft.

This decision ends Wiseman's tumultuous college career and his battles with the NCAA. Wiseman was the biggest prize in a Memphis recruiting class that was ranked as the nation's best, but he had been serving an NCAA suspension for most of the season.

"We wish nothing but the best for James in his future endeavors as he follows his dreams," Memphis coach Penny Hardaway said. "He will truly be missed."

University of Memphis officials said in a statement

that Wiseman's announcement was disappointing.

"The UofM supports James and his family in his decision to leave to prepare for the 2020 NBA draft and will continue to follow James in what will certainly prove to be a successful career," official said in the statement.

The NCAA suspended Wiseman 12 games because his family received \$11,500 to assist in a move from Nashville to Memphis in the summer of 2017. Although Hardaway wasn't Memphis' coach at the time, the NCAA ruled the payment wasn't allowed counting him as a booster for giving \$1 million in 2008 to his alma mater for the university's sports hall of fame.

The NCAA had ruled Wiseman needed to donate \$11,500 to a charity of his choice to regain his eligibility — though that now seems like a moot point.

After the NCAA notified Memphis that Wiseman was "likely ineligible" just before the start of the season, Wiseman went to court and sued the NCAA and the University of Memphis.

He played two games under a temporary restraining order obtained Nov. 8 in dramatic fashion less than an hour before tipoff of the Tigers' second game of the season.



# Amid citizenship law outcry, Indian authorities ban protests

**BY ASHOK SHARMA**

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Police banned public gatherings in parts of the Indian capital and other cities for a third day Friday and cut internet services to try to stop growing protests against a new citizenship law that have left 11 people dead and more than 4,000 others detained.

Thousands of protesters stood inside and on the steps of New Delhi’s Jama Masjid, one of India’s largest mosques, after Friday afternoon prayers, waving Indian flags and shouting slogans against the government and the citizenship law, which critics say threatens India’s secular democracy in favor of a Hindu state.

Police had banned a proposed march from the mosque to an area near India’s Parliament, and a large number of officers were waiting outside the mosque. Late Friday, police sprayed protesters with a water cannon to keep them from marching toward a monument in Central Delhi where protests have been converging, about 4 kilometers away.

About 10,000 people protested outside New Delhi’s Jamia Millia Islamia University, which was the site of weekend clashes in which students accused police of using excessive force that sent dozens to hospitals. They collected signatures for a petition demanding the new law be scrapped.

Violence erupted in several towns in northern Uttar Pradesh state where protesters set some police posts and

vehicles on fire and hurled rocks at security forces. Police fired tear gas and used batons to disperse the protesters in the Muzzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Firozabad and Gorakhpur.

Police officer Dinesh Rai said two protesters were killed in Meerut, a town in Uttar Pradesh, when some people fired gunshots from a rooftop. He said police didn’t fire at the protesters and were investigating the deaths.

State police chief O.P. Singh said more than 100 people had been arrested and 3,305 had been detained since Thursday.

Eleven deaths have been reported across the country — five in Assam, four in Uttar Pradesh and two in southern Karnataka state.

Surveillance video seen by The Associated Press shows police entering Highland Hospital in Mangalore, a southern Indian city, on Thursday night and using batons to disperse protesters who had taken shelter inside.

The video shows two policemen trying to kick open a hospital ward door and some people wearing masks running in a hospital corridor. It earlier shows some protesters throwing rocks at police and then barging into the hospital.

Mohammad Abdullah, a hospital employee, said by phone that police entered the hospital and “fired tear gas shells.”

The protests have targeted the new citizenship law, which applies to Hindus, Christians and other religious minorities who are in India

illegally but can demonstrate religious persecution in Muslim-majority Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan. It does not apply to Muslims.

Critics say it’s a violation of the country’s secular constitution and the latest effort by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist-led government to marginalize India’s 200 million Muslims.

Modi has defended it as a humanitarian gesture.

The protests began last week in the northeastern border state of Assam, the seat of a decades-old movement against migrants, and at predominantly Muslim universities and communities in New Delhi, and now include a broad section of the Indian public nationwide.

A British colonial-era law banning the assembly of more than four people was in place in parts of the Indian capital as well as in several cities in Assam and Uttar Pradesh, where a motorized rickshaw driver was fatally shot during a protest in Lucknow.

Authorities erected roadblocks and turned areas around mosques in New Delhi, Lucknow and other Muslim-dominated areas into security fortresses to prevent widespread demonstrations after Friday prayers.

Police temporarily held 1,200 protesters in New Delhi on Thursday and hundreds of others were detained in other cities after they defied bans on assembly. Most protesters were released later in the day.

While some see the citizenship law as a slight against Muslims, others, including some Hindu conservatives

in Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party, fear it will encourage immigration to India, where public services for its 1.3 billion people are already highly strained.

“In effect, some of the BJP’s own rank and file, the very people the party has sought to help, have come out against the law,” said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program at the U.S.-based Wilson Center.

Kugelman said that the government’s failure to respond to the protests, except to accuse political opponents of orchestrating them, is “likely to galvanize the protesters even more.”

The protests come amid an ongoing crackdown in Muslim-majority Kashmir, the restive Himalayan region stripped of its semi-autonomous status and demoted from a state into a federal territory last summer.

They also follow a contentious process in Assam meant to weed out foreigners living in the country illegally. Nearly 2 million people were excluded from an official list of citizens, about half Hindu and half Muslim, and have been asked to prove their citizenship or else be considered foreign.

India is also building a detention center for some of the tens of thousands of people the courts are expected to ultimately determine have entered illegally. Modi’s interior minister, Amit Shah, has pledged to roll out the process nationwide.

Critics say the process is a thinly veiled plot to deport millions of Muslims.

# Tokyo Olympics say costs \$12.6B; Report says much more

**BY STEPHEN WADE**

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TOKYO — Tokyo Olympic organizers said Friday they are spending 1.35 trillion Japanese yen — about \$12.6 billion — to stage next year’s games. Organizers said the expenditure is unchanged from a year ago, although robust sponsorship and ticket sales have generated a contingency fund of an extra \$300 million.

However, Japan’s National Audit Board, in a 177-page report prepared for the national legislature, said next year’s Olympics will cost much more than organizers say.

The audit lists an added \$9.7 billion it says are Olympic-related costs that have not been included. In addition, the city of Tokyo has previously said it would spend another \$7.4 billion on Olympic-related projects. Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike said at the time the spending was “for projects directly and indirectly related to the games.”

She said this included building barrier-free facilities for Paralympic athletes, training programs for volunteers, and advertising and tourism plans.

Organizers argue that many of these costs are not tied directly to the Olympics.

The audit board, however, came up with similar findings a year ago.

“As in the previous year, their report did not classify the cost of these items and activities based on their direct relevance to the games,” Tokyo organizers said in a statement to the Associated Press. “It aggregated a wide range of projects that could be seen as contributing to the games, including those that were implemented without regard to the games.”

The respected Japanese financial newspaper Nikkei and the daily Asahi also calculated Olympic costs. They said spending was far above what organizers contend. They also placed overall spending at about 3 trillion yen, or about \$28 billion.

The audit board report urged more transparency.

“In order to disclose information to the public and gain their understanding about operations that the government should shoulder, the government Olympic and Paralympic office should disclose more by grasping the overall picture of the operations and costs,”

the audit said.

The only non-public money being spent to fund the Olympics is from the privately funded, \$5.6 billion operating budget. Revenue for this budget comes from sponsorships, ticket sales, and marketing — and from a contribution from the International Olympic Committee.

The rest is taxpayer money from the national government, the city of Tokyo, and other government bodies.

When Tokyo was awarded the Olympics in 2013, the bid committee projected total costs would be \$7.3 billion.

Organizers also reported this week that demand in Japan for Olympic tickets is about 20 times over supply. This has led to criticism on social media by Japanese upset they cannot get tickets to an Olympics they are funding through their taxes.

Tracking Olympic costs is always disputed amid arguments over what are — and what are not — Olympic expenditures. The IOC and local organizers usually claim a lower figure. In fact, the IOC has repeatedly emphasized how it has cut billions in Tokyo by having organizers use existing venues, or build temporary venues.

The Tokyo Olympics open on July 24 and close Aug. 9. They are followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 25 through Sept. 6.

The International Olympic Committee has been criticized for the rising costs of the Olympics, and the perception it forces host cities to build “white elephant” sports venues. In the last several years it has tried to re-brand itself, emphasizing the use of existing venues and giving host cities choices in how they organize.

In a study on Olympic spending done in 2016 by the University of Oxford, author Bent Flyvbjerg explained the Olympics and cost overruns.

“It’s the most amazing thing that the Olympic games are the only type of mega-project to always exceed their budget,” Flyvbjerg said in an interview.

“We think it’s because they always have to be on time. There’s no way you can move the opening dates. ... So all you can do when problems begin — and problems always begin on projects of this size — it to throw more money at the project. And that’s what you do at the Olympics.”

# Palace: Prince Philip in hospital as ‘precautionary measure’

LONDON (AP) — Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, was admitted to a London hospital Friday “as a precautionary measure,” Buckingham Palace said.

The palace said the 98-year-old Philip was admitted to the King Edward VII hospital for observation and treatment of a pre-existing condition.

“The admission is a precautionary measure, on the advice of His Royal Highness’ Doctor,” the palace said in a statement.

Philip had been at the royal family’s Sandringham estate in eastern England, where the queen and

her family usually spend Christmas. The palace said Philip didn’t travel by ambulance and his admission wasn’t an emergency. He is expected to be in hospital for a few days.

The 93-year-old queen traveled to Sandringham from London on Friday morning after attending the State Opening of Parliament in London on Thursday. She did not change her schedule after her husband’s hospital admission, which was planned in advance.

The private King Edward VII hospital in central London has been treating members of the royal family

for decades.

Philip, also known as the Duke of Edinburgh, married Elizabeth in 1947 and is the longest-serving royal consort in British history. He and the queen have four children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A former naval officer and keen polo player, Philip enjoyed robust health well into old age but has had a number of health issues in recent years. He stopped attending public engagements in 2017.

In 2011, he was rushed to a hospital by helicopter from Sandringham after suffering chest pains and

treated for a blocked coronary artery.

In 2017, he spent two nights in the King Edward VII hospital and was hospitalized for 10 days in 2018 for a hip replacement.

Philip was forced to give up driving earlier this year, at the age of 97, after smashing into a car while driving a Land Rover near Sandringham in January. Philip needed help to get out of the vehicle but wasn’t injured. One woman in the car suffered a broken wrist.

He still drives a horse and carriage on private land from time to time.

# Notre Dame Cathedral to miss first Christmas in centuries

**BY THOMAS ADAMSON**

Associated Press

PARIS — Notre Dame kept Christmas going even during two world wars — a beacon of hope amid the bloodshed.

Yet an accidental fire in peacetime finally stopped the Paris cathedral from celebrating Midnight Mass this year, for the first time in over two centuries.

As the lights stay dim in the once-invincible 855-year-old landmark, officials are trying hard to focus on the immediate task of keeping burned out Notre Dame’s spirit alive in exile through service, song and prayer.

It has decamped its rector, famed statue, liturgy and Christmas celebrations to a new temporary home pending the restoration works, just under a mile away, at another Gothic church in Paris called Saint-Germain l’Auxerrois.

And there it will remain, as works slowly progress to rebuild the cathedral after the April 15 fire destroyed its lead roof and spire and was moments away from engulfing its two stone towers.

“This is the first time since the French Revolution that there will be no midnight Mass (at Notre Dame),” cathedral rector Patrick Chauvet told The Associated Press.

There was even a Christmas service amid the carnage of World War I,

Chauvet noted, “because the canons were there and the canons had to celebrate somewhere,” referring to the cathedral’s clergy. During World War II, when Paris was under Nazi occupation, “there was no problem.” He said that to his knowledge, it was only closed for Christmas in the period after 1789, when the anti-Catholic French revolutionaries turned the monument into “a temple of reason.”

Christmas-in-exile at Saint-Germain l’Auxerrois this year will be a history-making moment.

“We have the opportunity to celebrate the Mass outside the walls, so to speak... but with some indicators that Notre Dame is connected to us,” Chauvet said.

Those indicators include a wooden liturgical platform that has been constructed in the Saint-Germain church to resemble Notre Dame’s own. A service will be led at midnight on Dec. 24 by Chauvet to a crowd of faithful, including many who would normally worship in the cathedral, accompanied by song from some of Notre Dame’s now-itinerant choir.

The cathedral’s iconic Gothic sculpture “The Virgin of Paris,” from which some say Notre Dame owes its name, is also on display in the new annex.

The 14th-century masterpiece, which measures around two meters and de-

picts Mary and baby Jesus, has come to embody the officials’ message of hope following the fire.

“It’s a miraculous virgin. Why? Because at the time of the fire, the vault of the cathedral completely crashed. There were stones everywhere, but she was spared. She could have naturally received the vault on her head and have been completely crushed,” Chauvet said.

He recalled the moment on the night of the fire when he discovered it was saved, as he was holding hands with French President Emmanuel Macron on the cathedral’s forecourt. Around midnight as the flames subsided, they were finally led inside to look. Chauvet pointed and exclaimed to Macron: “Look at the Virgin, she is there!”

He said later that Notre Dame’s workmen on the ground implored him to not remove the statue from the cathedral, saying that during the restoration “we need it. She protects us.”

Chauvet said having it nearby for Christmas is comforting.

“She lived very much in Notre Dame. She watched the pilgrims, all the 35,000 visitors a day ... It keeps us going,” Chauvet said.

Another reason for hope: Since November, after months in the dark, the facade of the cathedral is being lit up after dusk for

the first time since the fire. Tourists over the festive period can now see the famed gargoyles and stone statues at night in their full illuminated splendor from the adjacent bridges, although the forecourt is still closed.

Cathedral officials carefully chose Saint-Germain l’Auxerrois as the new temporary home because of its proximity to Notre Dame, just next to the Louvre, allowing ease of movement for clerics who lived near the cathedral. Also, because of its prestigious history.

It was once a royal church that boasted among its faithful French kings, in the days when they lived in the nearby Louvre Palace. The kings, Chauvet explained, would simply cross the esplanade to come and attend Mass.

Since September, the church has been welcoming the cathedral’s flock each Sunday.

Though Notre Dame has moved liturgically to a new home, Notre Dame will always remain Paris’ cathedral so long as the bishop’s physical chair, or “cathedra” doesn’t move.

Derived from the Greek word for “seat,” a cathedral’s entire identity technically boils down to the presence of a chair.

“The cathedra is at the cathedral and so it remains Notre Dame Cathedral, which is the cathedral in the

heart of Paris,” Chauvet said. It is not only the faithful who have been displaced since April’s blaze.

Notre Dame was home to a vibrant 160-strong choir-school, which provided singers for each of the cathedral’s some 1,000 annual services. Midnight Mass at Christmas was always a special event in the year: One of the rare times the entire choir sung together and used the cathedral’s famed acoustics to their fullest.

Instead of disbanding, this now-homeless chorus of singers, ranging in age from 6 to 30, has too honed an upbeat message and decided to continue on in a divided form. Different sections of the choir put on concerts in churches, such as Saint-Eustache and Saint-Sulpice, in Paris and beyond. On Christmas Eve, its members will sing at various yuletide events, including at Saint-Germain l’Auxerrois, as well as, bizarrely, at the Russian Circus.

But don’t mention the term choir-in-exile to one of the choir’s directors, Henri Chalet.

“I’d rather use ‘beyond the walls’... ‘Exile’ brings it back to sadness. Obviously, there is a lot of sadness and desolation for us to no longer be in our second home. But there is also a lot of hope because it is only a phase,” Chalet said.

In the grand scheme of

things, five or six years of restoration for an 855-year-old cathedral “is nothing at all,” Chalet reasoned. Macron declared in the days after the blaze it would take a mere five years to restore the cathedral — a timeline many experts deem unrealistic.

Notre Dame choir singer Mathilde Ortscheidt, 29, left a little more space for melancholy as she regretted her absence at last year’s Midnight Mass.

“To think that I was ill last Christmas...thinking that I would go again this year with no problem!” she said.

On the first rehearsal she attended after the blaze, she said she “felt such a pain and such sadness” because the cathedral was where she began as a singer.

For the singers, the unique acoustics produced by the cathedral’s massive dimensions are sorely missed.

“When we balanced it right, it was the most beautiful feeling of just hearing it resonate through this enormous space,” Ortscheidt said.

Despite having “to walk around a lot now,” people have got used to the choir’s new lifestyle, she said, and it was just a matter of time before there will be song in the cathedral once again.

In the meantime, “the important thing for us is that we keep on singing and doing the music. That’s what brings us together.”



# Husband keeps close tabs on wife following overdose

**DEAR ABBY:** My 47-year-old daughter is an alcoholic. A year ago, she took several benzodiazepine pills along with the booze and overdosed. My son-in-law found her in time and called 911. She spent five days in a psych hospital to detox, but never went to any follow-up rehab. I had been led to believe she was sober, but recently found out it was not true, and my son-in-law for some reason decided not to tell me.

The other issue is, since she OD'd, he keeps track of all her online spending and personal emails (he has all her passwords) because he claims it's the only way he can keep tabs on her to find out how much she's drinking and where she goes to do it. She doesn't know he's doing this, and I'm afraid if she finds out she will go ballistic. I don't know whether or not to tell her, because I don't want to do anything to make things even worse between them. Advice? – Fearful In Florida

**DEAR FEARFUL:** I see nothing to be gained by telling your daughter her husband is watching her closely. She is a woman with very serious problems, and it's a shame she didn't follow through with more rehab after what may have been a suicide attempt.

Your son-in-law cares about his wife. When he realized she had overdosed, he called to get help for her. That he's monitoring her closely is not a bad thing; it means he loves her and wants to avoid a repeat of what happened. Ask him what you can do to support your daughter, if anything, and take your cue from there.

**DEAR ABBY:** Ever since I got married a year ago, my family has been trying to "fix" me. My sister texts me asking if I'm OK and how she can love on me better because she thinks I have no life and don't socialize. My mom makes comments whenever I'm over about how I'm introverted, etc.

Abby, I just had a baby, and I work full time. I don't have time to go over to see them often, so they think I stay home all day long and do nothing. But it's so far from true. I have tried talking to them about it and saying I have friends, etc. But nothing works. What do I do? – Fine As I Am

**DEAR FINE:** Because talking to your mother and your sister hasn't helped, remember that they mean well and are trying to be helpful. Then tune them out.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter's boyfriend recently came to us asking for our daughter's hand in marriage. We like him very much, and we were happy to give our blessings. What threw me was, after he got our permission, he asked if we had any family heirlooms (diamonds) he could use to have made into an engagement ring.

Call me old-fashioned, but I thought the groom-to-be usually got something like that handed down from HIS family, not the bride's. Please tell me if I'm wrong about this. – Old-Fashioned Mom

**DEAR OLD-FASHIONED:** You are not wrong. The groom (not the parents of the bride-to-be) is supposed to be responsible for the engagement ring. Because you like the young man, you should have conveyed that message as gently as possible.

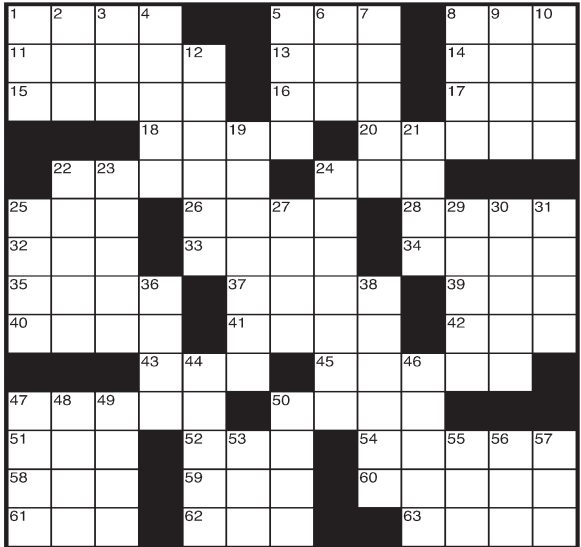
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- 1 Commend highly  
5 Solstice mo.  
8 Pillbox or bowler  
11 Bedouins  
13 Ocean dweller  
14 Way back when  
15 Police van  
16 Big snake  
17 Letter after pi  
18 Organized  
20 Perfect  
22 Young chicken  
24 Ms. Grant  
25 RV haven  
26 Interpret tea leaves  
28 She, to Marie  
32 Boathouse item  
33 Heroic tale  
34 Clock's front  
35 Comet, to an ancient  
37 Incline  
39 Consumer protection org.
- DOWN**
- 1 Raven's call  
2 S&L offering  
3 Earmark  
4 Furniture wood  
5 Obligation  
6 Want ad abbr.  
7 Miner's stake  
8 Long-eared animal  
9 — Khan  
10 Saw or hammer  
12 Nasty laughs  
19 Home furnishing (2 wds.)  
21 Did Easter eggs  
22 Full of suds  
23 Scarcer  
24 Insistent  
25 — & The Gang  
27 Seaweed extract  
29 Tripoli's country  
30 Classify  
31 Exile isle  
36 Computer whiz  
38 Put  
44 Specks  
46 Keen  
47 Diet no-no's  
48 Tpk.  
49 Kitchen appliance  
50 Black  
53 Fire residue  
55 Lass  
56 Author Umberto —  
57 Spoil



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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|   |   | 4 |   |   | 3 |   |   |   |  |
|   | 7 |   |   |   | 8 | 3 |   | 4 |  |
| 1 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   | 6 |   |  |
|   | 1 |   |   | 4 | 2 |   |   |   |  |
| 2 | 8 |   |   | 3 |   |   | 5 | 6 |  |
|   |   |   | 9 | 8 |   |   | 2 |   |  |
|   | 3 |   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 8 |  |
| 6 |   | 8 | 3 |   |   |   | 7 |   |  |
|   |   |   | 8 |   |   | 1 |   |   |  |

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**How to play:**  
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 3 |

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

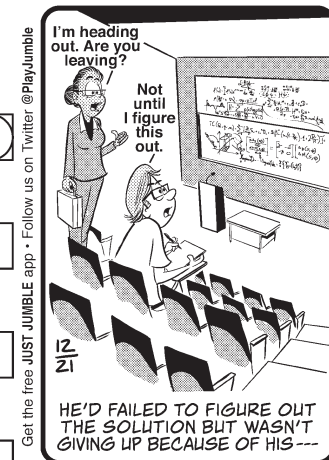
EEOSB  
LIVAL  
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**Print the answer here:**

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



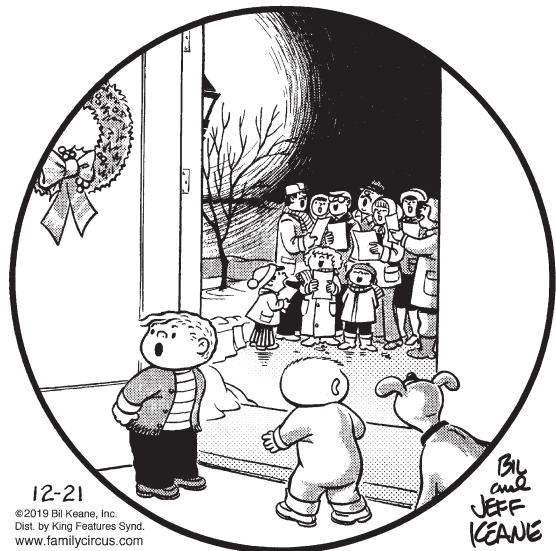
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILD AROSE CASINO SPIRAL  
Answer: When she found out how many calories were in her can of cola, it was — "SODA-PRESSING"

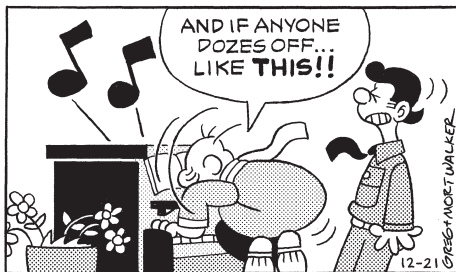
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By Bil Keane

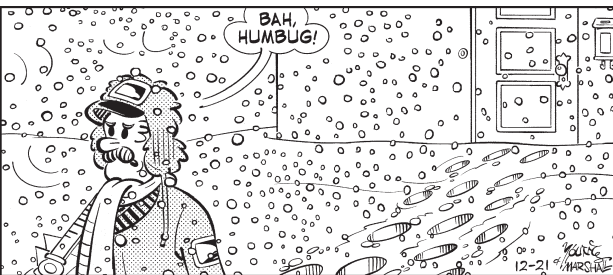


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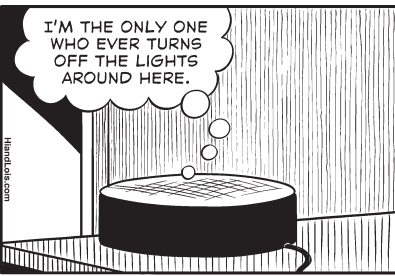
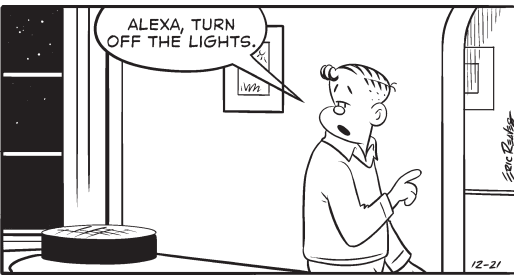
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## BLONDIE



## HI & LOIS



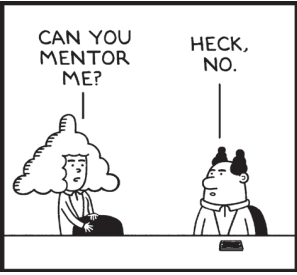
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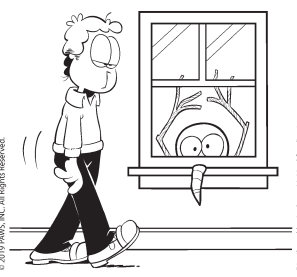
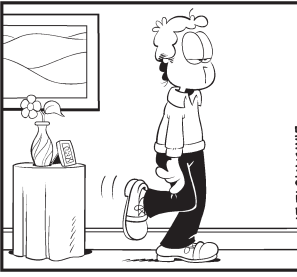
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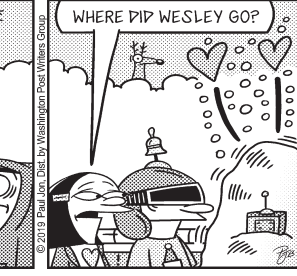
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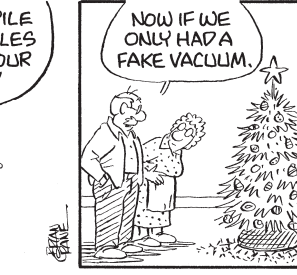
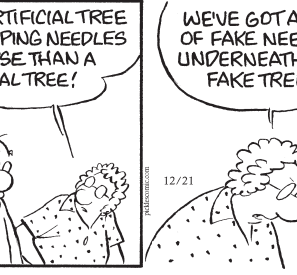
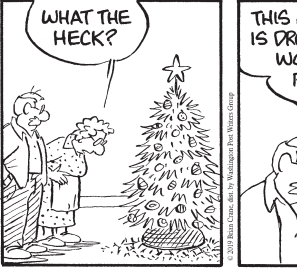
## GARFIELD



## FORT KNOX



## PICKLES



## Biblical creation the only answer that has stood the test of time

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** Why does it matter whether people believe in evolution over Biblical creation? – E.B.

**A:** The entire educational system is rampant with evolution. Universities that were founded upon Scripture now teach atheistic or theistic evolution, producing skeptics, agnostics or atheists with little or no regard for God. Biblical creation is the only answer that has stood the test of time because it is founded on the absolute truth of God's Word that never changes.

This is in contrast to Darwin's book "On the Origin of Species," where more than 800 times he uses expressions as "we infer" and "we may well suppose."

Guided by these flimsy phrases, we are expected to reach the conclusion that man climbed from beasthood and

before that, from a single cell, without intervention from God. Upon this frail foundation of supposition and the wild guesses from those who hate the Bible, the theory of evolution was built.

Evolutionists deny a personal Creator and teach that noble man is growing stronger, wiser, and upward every day. Evolutionists deny the fact of sin, teaching instead the "trial and error" method by which man is supposed to make himself better in every way. But man is not growing better or climbing upward. Monkeys are not making men of themselves but, rather, men are making monkeys of themselves. Evolution is in reverse.

Instead of progress in man, there is degeneracy of body, mind and spirit. Higher education teaches the lie that evolution is accomplishing progress and that a new day is about to dawn. A new day will dawn, indeed, when Creator God will send His Son the Lord Jesus Christ back to earth to make all things new. One day every person who has ever lived will face Almighty God. "A new day will dawn on us from above. ... He will give light to those who live in the dark and in death's shadow. He will guide us into the way of peace" (Luke 1:78-80, GW). Prepare your heart and soul by surrendering your life to Him today.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"LPZS, LPZS, VTZG SWIVAY SWIE, VTZG JYV IZV XZ GINWIE JX CJI'X WIKYJVVVGEA." — SWPPWJC XTJNAXDAJYA

Previous Solution: "Create your own path, hone your talent, be ready to show your talent and don't doubt yourself." — Ioe Cube

TODAY'S CLUE: B s p n b o A



